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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1935

Transmit the following message to:

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JACKSONVILLE

BREKID INFORM OKLAHOMA CITY IMMEDIATELY WHEN AND TO WHAT POINT

~~X~~ BODIES OF KATE AND FRED BARKER SHIPPED.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 9-27-35 2-49 PM VC

PHONE BREKID AGENT PAUL KITCHIN WAS INFORMED TODAY BY SHERIFF BRYAN MCDONALD OF CRAIG COUNTY, VINITA, OKLAHOMA, THAT HE HAS HEARD THAT BODIES OF KATE BARKER AND FRED BARKER ARE TO BE BURIED NEAR WELCH, CRAIG COUNTY, OKLAHOMA AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 28TH. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER BUREAU DESIRES THESE FUNERALS BE COVERED, IF SO, SUGGEST YOU REQUEST THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE ASCERTAIN AND ADVISE ME WHETHER BODIES HAVE LEFT FLORIDA, WHEN AND TO WHAT POINT SHIPPED.

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PHONE. BREKID. GRAND JURY AT ST PAUL, MINNESOTA RETURNED INDICTMENT  
TODAY AGAINST KARPIS, ARTHUR<sup>D</sup> BARKER, DAVIS, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISO  
SAWYER, BOLTON, FARMER, ALLDERTON, AND CASSIUS MC DONALD, CHARGING  
CONSPIRACY BETWEEN 9-15-33 AND 1-15-35 TO VIOLATE ACT FORBIDDING  
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P. O. Box #709,  
Portland, Oregon.

September 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1252-A et al.  
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim.  
Kidnaping - Extortion.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

On September 19th, 1935 Mr. J. S. Hindman, Assistant Chief Special Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway at Seattle, Washington turned over to Special Agent A. T. Deere a cheap metal cigarette case which had been found by a truck driver for the railroad on a side track in the railroad yards not far from the "skid row" section of Seattle. This cigarette case had apparently been dropped by some transient who had been sleeping in a box car and it was found to contain various cards, papers, notes, diagrams and receipts, the receipts indicating that the cigarette case was apparently lost by one Patrick J. Lyons, who appears to have two addresses, namely 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania and 1032 Oliver Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. One paper found in the case bore the following printed notations: "Dr. John Verick, Woodstock, Illinois, dope peddler, hangout for Karpis, Campbell and Mahan, Dr. I. C. Hollingers Sanitarium, Newburgh, Indiana, dope and white slave hideout. Old Army Fort, ten miles from Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Miger, Coschoeton, Ohio, hangout for crime, John Hamilton hideout".

The above information was furnished by teletype to the Bureau and Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Indianapolis offices on September 20, 1935, the various Bureau offices being requested to check this information in their respective districts. A teletype was received from the Indianapolis Bureau office on September 21st, 1935 advising that the mother of Patrick J. Lyons resides at 1032 Oliver Street, Indianapolis; that Lyons married a girl by the name of Nellie Novack, Shamokin, Pennsylvania and has been away from Indianapolis for several years. He has no criminal record; also that Lyons is a World War Veteran drawing compensation and has recently

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been in the Government Hospital at Sawtelle, California. The Indianapolis office further advised that Dr. Hollinger, mentioned above, had conducted a sanitarium at Newburgh up to six or eight years ago but that he subsequently moved to Boonville, Indiana where he died about two years ago; that Dr. Hollinger bore an excellent reputation.

It was also determined by the Indianapolis office that the Old Fort, indicated in the above notes, is merely a small hill where some frontier fort is alleged to have existed.

Inquiry at the address for Lyons in Shamokin, Pennsylvania by the Philadelphia office corroborated the information obtained by the Indianapolis office in that the wife of Lyons was located living at 1662 Tioga Street, but that she has not seen him for the last five years. There is no criminal record on Lyons at Shamokin.

His description as furnished by his wife is as follows:

Age -	45 years
Height	5' 11"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Sandy brown
Complexion	Sallow
Eyeglasses	Wears reading glasses
Dress	Dresses shabbily.

It is requested that inquiry be made at the Veterans' Hospital at Sawtelle, California for the purpose of ascertaining any information concerning his recent activities and his present whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

WCR:Br

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cc-Bureau - 2

Chicago, E.J. Connelley - 2

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL:



ARC:DR

September 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a teletype message from your office sent to the Bureau at 1:16 P.M., September 24, 1935, in re "Brekid" and signed "Connelley."

The Bureau is of the opinion that the names of certain persons and places contained in this message should have been transmitted in code. It is requested that extreme care be exercised in the sending of messages containing confidential matters and that code be used wherever feasible.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director.  
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*E. J. Connelley*



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 28, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue and Ninth St. N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
September 3, 1935, inquiring as to the number of  
photographs necessary for this office for future  
investigation.

It is desired that this office be furnished  
with twenty photographs of each subject and suspect  
in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY, A.

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

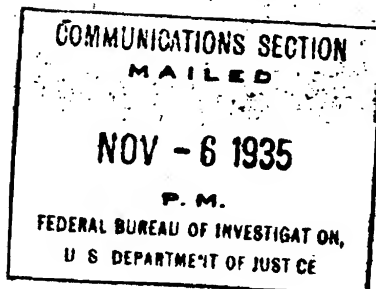
With reference to the recent request of your  
office, I am transmitting herewith twenty copies each of  
the photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Charles  
Joseph Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #676432

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago



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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 28, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, ET AL  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please refer to copy of the letter of this office dated September 18, 1935, to the Detroit Office, and to the letter of the Detroit Office dated September 25, 1935, to this office, concerning the return to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer of certain property as is described in the letter of the St. Paul Office dated September 4, 1935 to this office, and advise whether it is the Bureau's desire that this office should proceed with an inquiry to locate the said property with a view to transmitting it to her at St. Paul through the St. Paul Office.

The writer believes that it might not be desirable for the Bureau to place itself in a position of accepting responsibility for the property of Gladys Sawyer, or of any of the other subjects involved in this case which did not come into the hands of Bureau representatives, and which was seized without its consent and prior to the arrival of Bureau representatives at the place where the seizure was made. The apartment of Gladys Sawyer in Cleveland was in the hands of the local police several days before the arrival of Bureau representatives. It is the writer's thought that the Bureau should not place itself in a position of accepting responsibility or liability for the seizures made by the police, nor have it appear, by assuming the task of returning the property in question, that the property seized by the police, some of which, Agent Hopton advises, cannot now be accounted for, is constructively in the possession of the Bureau by police custody thereof.

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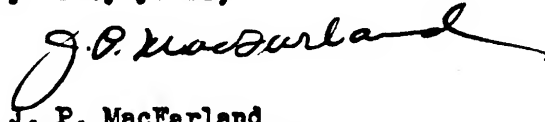
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cc - Detroit  
St. Paul  
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It will be noted in the reference letter of the Detroit Office dated September 25, 1935 that Mrs. Sawyer had advised Special Agent Muzzey that her property in Cleveland had been turned over to an attorney.

Very truly yours,



J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Detroit  
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October 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 -  
Fugitive, et al; Edward George Bremer -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 26, 1935, referring to certain property which is supposed to have been taken from Mrs. Gladys Sawyer by Agents of this Bureau when she was apprehended during the month of September, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio, which property the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has indicated may be returned to Mrs. Sawyer.

Reference is now made to the letter of the Cleveland office dated September 18, 1935, to the Detroit office, and the letter of the Detroit office dated September 25, 1935, to the Cleveland office. These letters indicate very definitely that the property which is claimed by Mrs. Gladys Sawyer was not taken from her possession by Special Agents of this Bureau. It also appears that the Police Department of Cleveland, Ohio, occupied the premises at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, the former residence of Mrs. Sawyer, several days prior to the time when Agents made an examination of this apartment and made an inventory of all the property found therein. In view of the fact that the inventory and a review of the files fail to disclose that the property claimed by Mrs. Sawyer was taken into custody by Agents of this Bureau, the Bureau does not desire any further investigation to be conducted in the matter. The Bureau feels no responsibility in the premises in view of the fact that the property claimed by Mrs. Sawyer was not in her possession at the time of her arrest by Special Agents and was not in her apartment at the time Agents made a thorough examination thereof.

Very truly yours,

cc-Detroit  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Sept. 27, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

In connection with the prosecution of Subject  
CASSIUS McDONALD at St. Paul, Minnesota, kindly forward to  
the St. Paul Office, registration card of WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, 4539 Gibson, St. Louis, Missouri, which was secur-  
ed from the management of the Hotel National in Havana,  
Cuba, for use as evidence. It is believed that this regis-  
tration card is in the Technical Laboratory, it having been  
retained there following use in making an examination of  
handwriting.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-Cincinnati  
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October 4, 1935

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Mr. H. E. Anderson,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal  
Courts Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 27, 1935 in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases, fugitive, I.O. 1213, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping, wherein you request that the registration card of William J. Harrison, 4333 Gibson, St. Louis, Missouri, which was secured from the management of the Hotel National in Havana, Cuba, be returned to your office.

In accordance with your request, the registration card above described, is being returned herewith, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FRED D. SPARKS, D. D. S.  
Suite 413 Community Bldg.  
Telephone 206  
Ponca City, Oklahoma

SEP 25 1935  
Department of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington

Dear Sir

I am a dentist in Ponca City  
Okla. I have been doing some  
dental work for a young man  
who gave me his name as  
Wayne Harris. He is employed  
as cook at P. C. Camp here.

Monday I finished his work  
and made an appointment for this  
morning for a check up & some  
fillings but he did not show  
up. OCT 10 1935

Monday evening I was looking  
over a Detective Magazine and  
saw the picture of Alvin Karpis.

The resemblance was so striking  
that I considered it my duty to  
notify you. However I decided  
to wait until I saw him  
first & I did.

Yds.



FRED D. SPARKS, D. D. S.  
Suite 413 Community Bldg.  
Telephone 206  
Ponca City, Oklahoma

this morning & look to see  
if he had the scar on his  
finger as described in magazine.  
As he did not show up. I  
concluded not to delay.

I may be all wrong about  
this, but the man I look  
at the picture the more person  
seems the resemblance.

I hope you will conceal  
my name. If then is your  
man. as I believe my life  
would be in danger. and  
if he is not the man I  
would damage my practice,  
as I want for a number of  
the C.C.D. men.

I do not want even the  
officers here to know.

10/9/35  
J.P. Sparks  
Ponca City  
Okla.

Respi

Fred D. Sparks

Wanted!



Alvin Karpis, is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minn., on Jan. 17, 1934. Age 25 years (1934); height, 5 feet, 9 3/4 inches; weight, 130 pounds; build, slender; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, fair. Has 1 inch cut scar, lower knuckle left index finger.

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Dr. Fred D. Sparks,  
Suite 413, Community Building,  
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Dear Dr. Sparks:

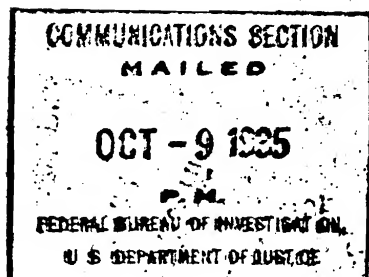
I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 25, 1935, in which you advise that a young man by the name of Wayne Harris had dental work performed at your office recently and that you believe this individual to be identical with Alvin Karpis.

Please be advised that this information is being transmitted to Mr. D. Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who will assign an Agent to interview you in this matter.

I wish to assure you that the facts disclosed by you will be held in strict confidence by representatives of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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October 9, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated September 25, 1935 from Doctor Fred D. Sparks, Suite 413 Community Building, Ponca City, Oklahoma, in which he advises that he has performed dental work for one Wayne Harris, whom he believes to be identical with Alvin Karpis.

I am forwarding to you herewith copies of the letter from Doctor Sparks, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto, with the request that when an Agent is next in the vicinity of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Doctor Sparks be interviewed for such information as is obtainable.

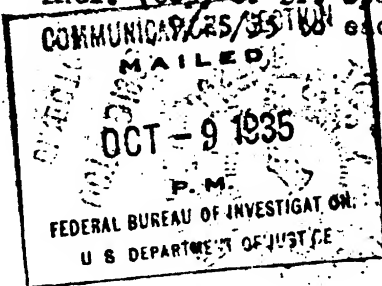
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #661006

CC - E. J. Connelley  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

Encl. (copy of Dr. Sparks' letter, dated  
OCT 9 1935 to each office)



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Colonel Gates called me on at least a dozen occasions yesterday and I finally talked to him. He said that he had considerable pressure on him from the "newspaper boys" for information concerning the apprehension of CASSIUS McDONALD.

I told Colonel Gates that all I knew about the matter is what I had read in the morning papers; namely, that Cassius McDonald had been arrested at Detroit, Michigan, by Agents of the Bureau upon a complaint charging participation in the distribution of the Bremer ransom money, and was being held in default of bond.

Colonel Gates asked where Cassius McDonald is from, and I told him I thought he was from the vicinity of Detroit, and when he asked concerning Identification Orders, I told him that none had been issued.

Subsequently, Mr. Carusi called me regarding the same matter and I also informed him that from the newspapers I had gleaned what information in my possession. Mr. Carusi was particularly desirous of knowing whether there had been any shooting or "fire works", and I told him the Bureau had not been informed.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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September 28, 1935.

Time-10:14 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Cassius McDonald

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, he inquired who Cassius McDonald was and I stated that McDonald was one of the figures in the Bremer kidnapping. Colonel Gates asked if McDonald had a criminal record and I told him that I could not say off hand, but that I thought he did.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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September 25, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, OF INVESTIGATION  
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KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:-

On September 20th, pursuant to your telephonic instructions I contacted Noel C. Scaffa as to the matter concerning which Mr. Charles Pettijohn of New York had telephoned you.

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Scaffa stated that on September 19th, an informant of his, named [redacted], called him on the telephone, expressed regret at the trouble in which Scaffa found himself, and claimed a desire to be of any possible assistance to Scaffa. Scaffa stated he had not heard from this informant previously for about a year, but that [redacted] was formerly quite a valuable informant as to the hijacking of trucks between New England and New York, and previously had lived in New York, Brooklyn, Port Chester, Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn. Scaffa stated that while talking to him over the telephone [redacted] told him that he had picked up a lead on Karpis and had not intended to say anything about the information, but would furnish the same to Scaffa, if the latter thought he might use it in any way to his advantage. Scaffa stated that [redacted] then told him that the previous day, while on his way down to New York from Bridgeport, he had run into a former associate of his up in Connecticut, and had procured

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from this party information to the effect that Karpis and three other men, names unknown, were living in a bungalow which they had rented in Cos Cob, Conn., between Greenwich and Stamford; that Karpis had his hair dyed and was wearing dark glasses; that he and his companions go once or twice a week to a black and tan joint on the road east out of Stamford. Scaffa further stated that this informant, in the years gone by, has not always been found to be reliable, but has on occasion furnished highly valuable and accurate information, as to hijackings and bank robberies. Scaffa agreed to get in touch with this informant as soon as possible, and bring him to me, in order that further and more accurate details might be procured. Scaffa stated that he had no way of getting in touch with this informant, except through the residence of the informant's sister, who lives in Brooklyn. He furnished information that this sister is [REDACTED] b7c b7d

Scaffa thought the informant is now living in [REDACTED] but he did not know where. Scaffa further stated that the informant is a former operator of a speakeasy and a bootlegger, and usually has one or two women around his places, who practice prostitution.

I proceeded immediately to the vicinity of Cos Cob and Stamford, Conn., where, as the result of a confidential inquiry, I learned that Mr. Tammany, the Postmaster at Cos Cob, is entirely reliable and has lived in that community all his life; in fact, his family has resided in Cos Cob for several generations. After laying this ground work, I approached the Postmaster without revealing the identities of the persons whom we were seeking, and through him and certain of his carriers, learned that most of the residents in Cos Cob are home owners and are known to him, and to his carriers; in fact, he pointed out practically all of the places in Cos Cob which are for rent, and was able to say of his own knowledge that no bungalow had recently been rented in that vicinity by any party of four men or other suspicious strangers. The only possibility of which he knew was the occupants of No. 98 River Road, Cos Cob, Conn. This is a red bungalow with a garage in the rear, and is known as the Old Swezy Place. About two months ago, this place was rented by a Mrs. James Wishrod, who formerly lived in New York, or who at



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least receives considerable mail forwarded from New York. Arrangements were made to procure the New York address from which this mail was being forwarded, and a cover was placed on the same for possible future reference. The Post-Office carrier who covers this address stated that he has occasionally seen around this bungalow a young man about 22 years of age, by the name of James Maher. He was shown unlabeled photographs of Karpis and Campbell, and was quite certain that he had not seen either of them at this place. He claims that on one or two occasions he noticed another strange man at this address, but has not noticed any automobile or suspicious activity of any kind. The carrier usually visits this place for the purpose of delivering mail at about 9:30 A. M.

Confidential inquiries were next made as to any possible "black and tan joints" on roads east of Stamford. No such places could be found. The Darien Tavern, the Green Pasture, the Open Door and Leighton's Half Way House were the only places located which might possibly have been referred to by the informant and of these Leighton's was the only one having an orchestra or other entertainment. The waiters at Leighton's are colored, but the orchestra is white, and this place has no floor show. It apparently is not the type of place which Karpis and his mob would frequent.

I kept in touch with Scaffa and finally today, September 25th, he was able to get in touch with his informant, [redacted] and he persuaded the latter to talk with me in a hotel room. It develops that [redacted] formerly did some work for one Palmer, the Borough leader in Brooklyn, and is apparently a very cheap type of racketeer and hoodlum. [redacted] claims that he is now living with his sister in Brooklyn, at the address above mentioned, and can only be reached through that address. He stated that he previously had a speakeasy at [redacted] N. Y., where he "did business" with the then Chief of Police. He stated that he has not lived in [redacted] for some time, for the reason that the present Chief of Police ran him out of town, or rather told him that he could not have a license to operate any more. The present Chief of Police, [redacted] he says, knew or suspected his corrupt relationship with the

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previous Chief of Police.

[redacted] stated that about a week ago, while standing in the square near the court house in Stamford, Conn., he met a former friend of his by the name of Richey. He claims he does not know Richey's given name; that about five years ago this man, Richey, was operating a taxi cab in Stamford, and had a few prostitutes who were working for him; that Richey is now booking a Negro lottery in Stamford. [redacted] stated that Richey trusts him because of their previous association together when [redacted] was doing business at Port Chester, and that during the course of their casual conversation upon thus meeting in Stamford, Richey mentioned that "a lot of the boys from New York" were up in that section. Richey told [redacted] that "the Dutchman" (Dutch Schultz) had a place at Norwalk, Conn., and [redacted] claims he told Richey that everybody seemed to know that; thereupon Richey remarked that "two fellows from out west", one of them named Karpis, had rented a bungalow in Cos Cob and went out a couple of nights a week to a place east of Stamford where they have colored entertainers. Richey also told [redacted] that Karpis has dyed his hair red, and now wears a small mustache and colored glasses. [redacted] claimed that he paid no further attention to this matter because he was not particularly interested at the time but that he thought of it later upon his return to New York, when he read of Scaffa's sentence on the perjury charge.

[redacted] was questioned closely as to the location of the "black and tan joint" which was being visited by Karpis, according to Richey, but he could furnish no information as to its location except that it was in or near Stamford, Conn., and he believes Richey said, on the road east of Stamford.

[redacted] agreed to see Richey again either tonight or tomorrow to buy him a few drinks and to see if he could develop further information as to how Richey procured the above information and the exact location of the bungalow in which the Karpis mob is alleged to be staying, but he immediately started dickering for expense money. He was told that any money paid to him would have to be on a C. O. D. basis, and that the government would not indiscriminately furnish him with expense money. He asked how much there would be in it for him if he could deliver Karpis

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and I asked him how much he wanted. He said he would expect as much as \$1,000. if he "delivered the goods." He was told that if he could find out where Karpis is staying and furnish the information to me in such fashion as to enable the government to arrest Karpis and those with him, that he would be paid \$1,000. To this he agreed. He claimed not to have any carfare with which to get to Stamford and I gave him \$10.00 with the understanding that no more money would be forthcoming, unless he could produce results.

I personally am doubtful that this tip is accurate as to Karpis. Attention is invited to Scaffa's statement that [redacted] had told him Karpis and three other men were occupying a bungalow at Cos Cob. I am rather certain from my investigation at Cos Cob that no four strange men are at the present time or have recently occupied a bungalow in that town; also, attention is invited to the discrepancy in [redacted] statement to me and to Scaffa. He told me after Scaffa had left that Richey said two fellows from the west, one of them Karpis, had this bungalow; also, it seems that if there were a "black and tan joint" near Stamford, I would have learned of it from my guarded inquiries in that vicinity. However, it is a fact that the Schultz mob and other New York gangsters have in recent months been hanging out around Norwalk, in the vicinity of Cos Cob, Greenwich and Stamford. There are, of course, hundreds of bungalows which might be rented in this general locality. The Boston Post Road runs through all these towns and they are practically continuous. Cos Cob, for instance, which is just 32 miles from downtown New York on the Boston Post Road, is not marked as a separate town; in fact it is more or less a suburb of Greenwich, and it is difficult to tell where the one begins and the other ends.

The informant [redacted] furnished me with the telephone number Evergreen 8-7620, and was given my New York telephone number, with instructions that he should call me immediately from a pay station if he is able to develop any further information. He seemed especially interested in the \$1,000. promised him if he delivers the goods, and if there is anything to this lead,

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I think it will develop within a few days. You will be kept advised.

Very truly yours,



J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago

cc - St. Paul

cc - Cincinnati

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1935.

Time - 3:05 P.M.

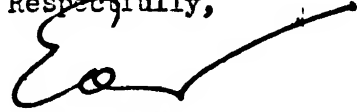
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Supervisor K. R. McIntire.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen at the St. Paul Office and informed him that while the Bureau does not, of course, want to do anything which will jeopardize the successful presentation of the Bremer Case to the grand jury out there, the Bureau desires that Agent McIntire be permitted to return to Washington just as soon as possible. I told him that Mr. McIntire is supervising several important cases here in Washington, and his return is desired as soon as possible.

Mr. Andersen said he would talk to the United States Attorney about this, and would advise the Bureau by teletype when Mr. McIntire is expected to return. He mentioned, incidentally, that a trial of this matter is not expected until November.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois.

September 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

John C. Prendergast, Chief of Uniformed Officers,  
Chicago Police Department, has advised Special Agent A. D.  
Wehagan of this office that he has been informed that the  
following-named persons, now confined in the Missouri State  
Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, have passed some of  
the Bremer ransom money.

Thomas Kelly	#45350
Ralph Parr	45351
James Myers	45352

It is suggested that your office determine whether  
or not the above-named individuals are inmates of the Jefferson  
City Penitentiary and attempt to learn whether or not they are  
acquainted with any of the subjects in this case, in order that  
it may be determined, possibly, if Chief Prendergast's informa-  
tion is correct.

Very truly yours,

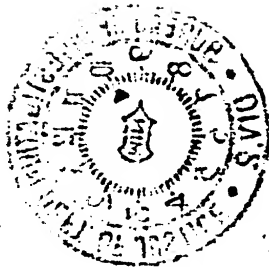
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated September 18, 1935, requesting to be advised as to whether the terms of the chartered airplane used for transportation of Subjects William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton from Jacksonville, Florida to St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 2, 1935, provided for a round trip from Jacksonville to St. Paul.

This plane was chartered from the Jacksonville office of the Eastern Air Lines. The terms of the charter provided for a round trip, and the cost of the chartering of this plane was determined on that basis. However, it was agreed that this plane could not be detained at St. Paul, Minnesota more than three hours after its arrival.

The services of Miss Irene Mynihan, who acted as matron on this trip due to the presence of Myrtle Eaton and her small adopted son, were necessary at St. Paul, Minnesota after arrival on the evening of September 2 and morning of September 3, 1935, due to the fact that Myrtle Eaton was kept in custody of Bureau agents at the St. Paul Bureau Office during the time between the arrival at St. Paul, Minnesota, which was during the late afternoon of September 2, 1935, and until noon on September 3, 1935, when she was taken to the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota in federal custody. Miss Mynihan was therefore unable to return with the chartered airplane to Jacksonville, Florida. It was therefore necessary to furnish her with transportation by railroad from St. Paul, Minnesota to Jacksonville, Florida.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1887,  
Charlotte, N. C.

September 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: -ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Summary Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated April 29, 1935, in the above entitled case, wherein it is requested that a stop notice be placed with the State Motor Vehicle Bureaus on Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4,135,550, purchased by William Weaver as J. A. Orhood.

In view of the fact that this office is in receipt of Apprehension Order #1238-353 recording the apprehension of William Weaver at Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935, it is respectfully requested that you advise whether stop notices on the above mentioned Chevrolet should be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

G. N. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc--St. Paul  
cc--Chicago  
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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Nashville, Tennessee.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The report of Special Agent M. W. McKinnis dated at Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, contained leads for investigation by the Cincinnati, Charlotte and Nashville offices.

Due to the fact that the Jacksonville office is arranging to present to a grand jury October 7, 1935, evidence relating to a harboring charge against Myrtle Eaton, it is requested that these offices receiving leads give same immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Charlotte  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 23, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Under date of September 21, 1935, the Bureau addressed a communication to this office in the above-captioned matter, bearing Bureau file No. 7-576, indicating that the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested that Cassius McDonald be taken into custody a day or two before an indictment is returned against him in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The said Bureau letter indicated that it is anticipated that an indictment will be returned on or about September 26, 1935. The letter further mentioned that the United States Attorney will advise definitely just when he desires to have Cassius McDonald apprehended.

The following is quoted from the referred-to Bureau letter:

"The Bureau feels there is no objection to the apprehension of McDonald provided a complaint is filed. The Cleveland office should immediately endeavor to locate McDonald, so that he can be taken into custody at the proper time."

A review of the files in this office reflects that Cassius McDonald is a resident of Detroit, he claiming to have resided at Trumbley Road and Lake St. Clair, Detroit, Michigan, when he was interviewed at West Palm Beach on February 8th, 1935. It also appears from the file that McDonald maintains an office at 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan.

It would appear that the above-mentioned was intended for your office, and the information is being given to you, so that you will be able to comply with the Bureau's instructions relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Bureau  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley -Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 24, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping - Extortion

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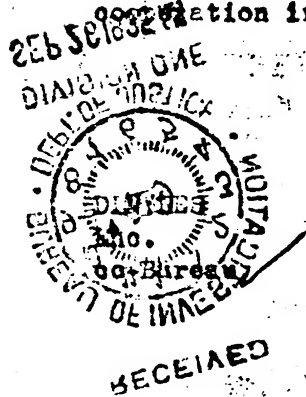
There is transmitted herewith  
a letter addressed to Margaret Waley, P 42,  
Milan, Michigan, an inmate of your institu-  
tion, from her mother, Cleo Bonney.

The contents of this letter has  
been carefully scrutinized and appears to  
contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and  
cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge



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September 21, 1935

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Warden Fred G. Zerbst  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

ATTENTION: E. H. Eckholdt.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters dated September 4,  
8 and 12, 1935, transmitting to this office the following original  
letters:

Letter written by Lloyd Barker, Register #17243,  
to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, dated  
September 2, 1935.

Letter written by Arthur Barker, Register #46928,  
to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, undated.

Letter written to Arthur Barker, Register #46928,  
by G. E. Barker, his father, Joplin, Missouri,  
dated September 11, 1935.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this matter is highly  
appreciated, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau ✓

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREAR  
ACT.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 24, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

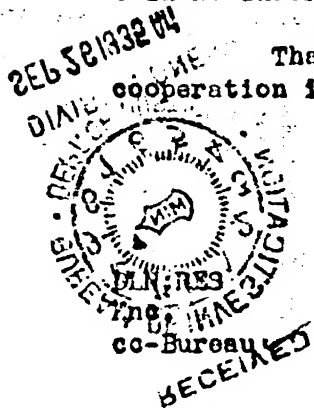
There are transmitted herewith two letters; one addressed to Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution from her brother, Robert DeLaney, and the other addressed to Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution from her sister, Eunice Hughes.

The contents of these letters have been carefully scrutinized and appear to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge



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Post Office Box 612

Chicago, Illinois

September 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 19th, 1935, addressed to the St. Paul Office, in connection with this matter, and particularly to the last paragraph thereof concerning the advisability of continuing the surveillance of Belle Born.

This matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who is presently engaged on a special assignment, and he instructed that the surveillance of Belle Born be continued for an additional period of time following the auction sale which she is holding of her property at Mankato, Minnesota.

It is suggested that in the event Belle Born leaves Mankato definite steps should be taken to ascertain her destination and she should be properly covered during the period of this trip. In the event she remains in Mankato the surveillance which is presently being conducted at that place should be continued until such time as Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley instructs to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati



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D. M. LADD Special Agent in Charge
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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 23, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my telegram of September 23, 1935, in response to your letter of September 19th, advising that subpoena was served on Joseph H. Adams, personally, at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of September 22, 1935, by Chief Deputy United States Marshal Frank Edwards, who was assisted by Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida.

Mr. Edwards will make his return on the subpoena and forward same to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley - Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

September 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N. Y.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM -  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. McMulty, New York City, dated August 23, 1935, in which it is stated that a copy of the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, dated May 21, 1935, was being forwarded to the Trenton Bureau Office.

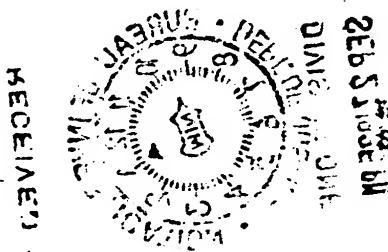
Please be advised that our file in instant case reflects that the report of Agent McLaughlin has not been received.

In compliance with the lead set out in the report of Special Agent McMulty, dated August 23, 1935, an Agent of this Office has arranged, through Mr. M. P. Pearce, for an interview in the near future with William Weisman and Nicholas Delmore. In order that interview might be complete, it will be necessary to review the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated May 21, 1935. It is, therefore, kindly requested that a copy of Special Agent McLaughlin's report be forwarded immediately to the Trenton Office.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
cc Chicago  
cc St. Paul  
cc Cincinnati



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1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

September 25, 1935.

Postmaster,  
Shamokin, Pa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-I.O. 1218-  
FUG., Et Al. O  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

Dear Sir: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Re: PATRICK J. LYONS  
WILLIE M. LYONS  
1652 Tioga Street,  
Shamokin, Pa.

This is to confirm the verbal request made by Special Agent  
H. K. Moss on September 21, 1935, requesting a thirty day  
mail cover to be placed on all types of communications ad-  
dressed to the above named individuals at the above mentioned  
address.

This mail cover will expire October 21, 1935.

Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

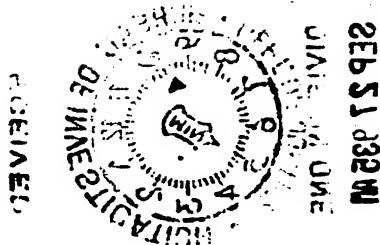
Very truly yours,

R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE KPM

627 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

September 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N. Y.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM -  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated September 26, 1935 wherein it is stated that the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, Salt Lake City, dated May 21, 1935, was not received with the report of Special Agent W. J. Mahaffy, New York City, dated August 23, 1935.

This is in error as the report of Special Agent McLaughlin has been found in the file. Therefore, you may disregard my letter of September 26, 1935 requesting a copy of this report.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
cc Chicago  
cc St. Paul  
cc Cincinnati

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SEPTEMBER 24, 1935

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: PHILADELPHIA

BREKID AND WYTHAP. CANNOT IDENTIFY RECORD PATRICK J. LYONS  
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*Edward J. Bremer*

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER NINETEENTH SUBPOENA THEREIN  
SERVED ON WITNESS MIAMI FLORIDA YESTERDAY REQUIRING APPEARANCE ST PAUL  
THURSDAY

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CHARGE GOVT RATE  
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cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Connelley at Chicago  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 27, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1252-A, et al;  
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1253, et al;  
MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

The Bureau desires to again emphasize its previous instructions to the effect that the investigation of the above entitled cases and all leads in connection therewith be given prompt, vigorous and preferential attention by all field offices. In all instances where it appears practicable and desirable, leads should be set forth by teletype or telephone.

Please be governed by the foregoing.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

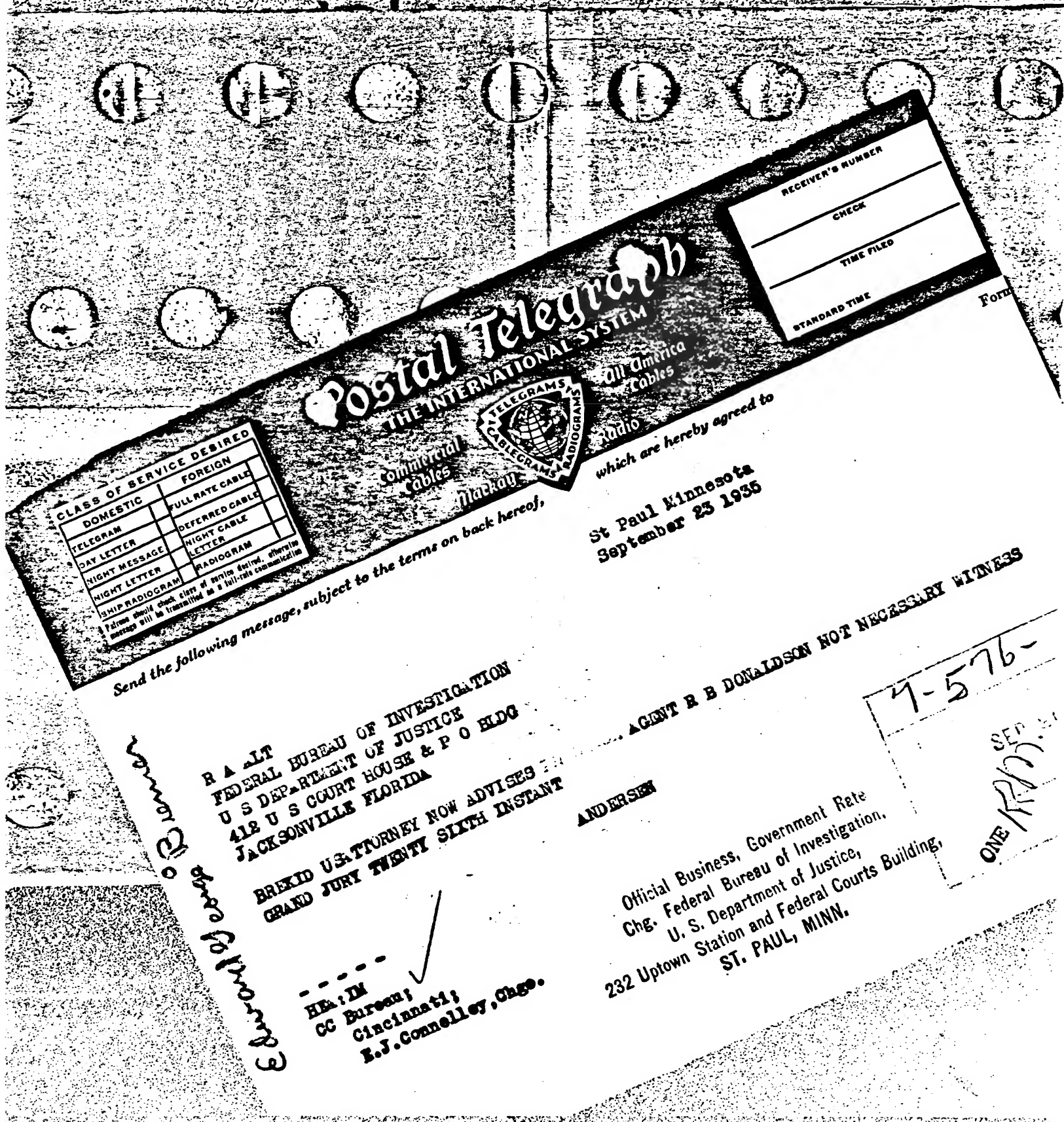
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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA  
BREKID US ATTORNEY NOW ADVISES  
GRAND JURY TWENTY SIXTH INSTANT

Edwards  
Bureau  
Sept 23 1935

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Cincinnati;  
E.J. Connelley, Chgo.

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Official Business, Government Rate  
Chg. Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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SEP 24 1935

ONE R/R



P. O. Box #709,  
Portland, Oregon,  
September 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE I. O. #1218 et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping; Harboring and  
Obstruction of Justice; National  
Fire Arms Act.

Dear Sir:

This office has a permanent stop in the files of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State of Oregon for record of any non-resident permits issued to persons using the names or aliases of the subject Alvin Karpis.

I am today in receipt of a communication from the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Salem, Oregon advising of an individual who was issued a non-resident permit as follows:

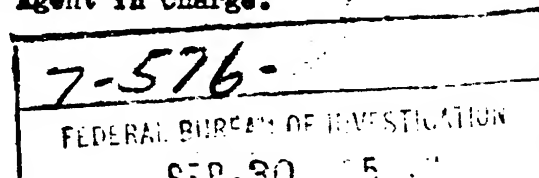
On September 1, 1935 permit was issued at Grants Pass, Oregon in the name of Ray Green for a Chrysler Sedan, motor number CM37356, model 1931, California 1935 license 9D-9863, address 3612 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California. Information on the registration reflected that Green intended to stay in the state of Oregon for two days and gave no Oregon address.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made to determine the identity of the above mentioned individual, particularly to determine whether he is subject Alvin Karpis of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CCS:Br  
7-24  
cc-Bureau  
E.J. Connelley - Chicago.  
AIR MAIL



P. O. Box #709,  
Portland, Oregon,

September 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE I. O. #1218 et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction  
of Justice; National Fire Arms Act.

Dear Sir:

This office has a permanent stop in the files of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State of Oregon for record of any non-resident permits issued to persons using the names or aliases of the subject Alvin Karpis.

I am today in receipt of a communication from the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Salem, Oregon advising of an individual who was issued a non-resident permit as follows:

On August 30, 1935 permit was issued at Ashland, Oregon to E. N. Green and Harriet M. Green for 1934 Model Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor number F364961, 1935 California license 2T 9060, address 315 Hillard, Huntington Park, California. The registration gave no Oregon address and indicated that the above individuals were merely passing through the state of Oregon.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made to determine the identity of the above mentioned E. N. Green, particularly to determine whether he is subject Alvin Karpis of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

CCS:Br  
7-24

cc-Bureau

E.J. Connelley - Chicago

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL

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D BRANTLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

BREKID REFERENCE MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YOUR OFFICE LAST NIGHT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 29 1935

ONE *KRM*

*Ed. George Bremer*

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Sept. 27, 1935.

7-30

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

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In connection with the above entitled case, and particularly concerning the prosecution that is to take place in St. Paul, Minnesota, in the near future against CASSIUS McDONALD, it is requested that the Jacksonville Office secure and forward to this office at the very first opportunity, the following information, data, and property:

- 1- Pocket book belonging to KATH BARKER in which \$10,000 was found at Oklawaha, Florida.
- 2- Western Union Telegram dated Dec. 29, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, and signed "Cash".

It is possible that the original of this telegram is now in custody of the United States Attorney in Miami or of the Technical Laboratory at Washington, D. C.

It is also desired that you ascertain the name and address of the person at the Pan American Airways in Miami, Fla., who is custodian of passenger records, and who is competent to produce these records in court. What is desired particularly is the person who can produce the records showing the purchase of airplane tickets and their uses by Subjects CASSIUS McDONALD, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, and ALVIN KARPIS as E. K. WAGNER. It is also desired it be ascertained if this person is competent to produce the personal history data records taken at the time these passengers purchased their tickets. If not, secure the name of the person and his address, who is competent to produce and testify as to these latter records.

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Kindly ascertain at Miami, Florida, the location of the registration cards, bell-boy records, and arrival and departure book of the El Commodore Hotel concerning the various Subjects of this file, in order that this information might be available for use of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, in issuing subpoenas. It is possible that these records are in possession of the United States Attorney in Miami or in the Jacksonville Bureau Office.

It is also requested that your office forward to the St. Paul Office all of the personal property taken from Subject CASSIUS McDONALD at the time of his arrest, which included two small zipper brief cases; also an unused portion of a Pan American plane ticket, as well as a Cuban immigration card.

In the event these articles have been returned to McDONALD, kindly forward the receipt given by him at the time. Also the various photostatic copies of the articles contained in his zipper cases.

It is also requested that you forward to the St. Paul Office, copy of the letter prepared by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson at Miami, Florida, at the time he transmitted all of this material to the United States Attorney in Miami.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JRH:SEC

CC-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Chicago



Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Sept. 27, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

For the information of the United States Attorney at  
St. Paul, Minnesota, in the prosecution of CASSIUS McDONALD,  
it is desired that inquiry be made through J. H. Gray of  
Statesville, North Carolina, concerning the present address  
of Mr. L. E. Gray, and that this information be furnished the  
St. Paul Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge

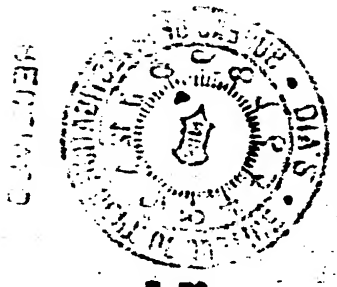
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Sept. 28, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim  
KIDNAPING.

In reply to your letter of September 24, 1935, I am informed by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, that he is forwarding on this date, certified copy of indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against WILLIAM WEAVER, to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida. He has stated that he is not in accord with the suggestion that this copy of indictment be forwarded by the Clerk to the Clerk of the District Court at Florida, inasmuch as the indictment is certified and the proceeding that he is following is in accord with instructions from the Department.

I am enclosing two photographs of both WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON, which were taken at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 9, 1935, by Fred O'Rourke of the St. Paul Police Department, who can testify that he took these photographs and developed the film.

The principal witness before the Grand Jury against WEAVER was WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, another defendant in this case. The only other witness who has testified before the Grand Jury and can identify WEAVER as the person named in the indictment is K. R. McIntire, Bureau Supervisor, now located at Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

M. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JEB:SEC  
CC-Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Sept 27/33  
Lake Wales, Fla.

Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Investigation  
Dear Sir,

I am writing this  
for your Bureau to know  
to know if there is any  
for information leading to the  
arrest of ~~Walter~~ ~~Eaton~~. I  
doubt if the person who  
is in, but there is a strong  
resemblance to the picture shown.

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I have advised your Bureau

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October 3, 1935.

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Mr. Joe R. Williams,  
Lake Wales, Florida.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

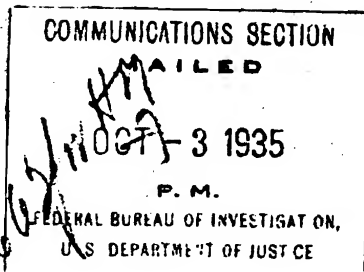
Referring to your letter of September 27, 1935,  
please be advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation at  
no time offered any reward for the apprehension of Myrtle  
Eaton.

You are further advised Myrtle Eaton was appre-  
hended by Special Agents of this Bureau in the vicinity of  
Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Jacksonville



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Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

DIRECTOR

SAC CHICAGO

SEP 29 1935

PHONE. BREKID U S ATTORNEY, STPAUL, ADVISES OLI ER BERG,  
THROUGH ATTORNEYS DRILL, DRILL AND RENSCH, HAS FILED MOTION  
FOR REDUCTION IN SENTENCE. HEARING TWO PM SEPTEMBER 30.  
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ASSOCIATE OF LIQUOR SYNDICATES IN CHICAGO AND USED BY  
SYNDICATES AS KILLER. FOR INFORMATION COURT HERE, CHICAGO  
OFFICE REQUESTED TO ADVISE IN LETTER TO REACH HERE BY MONDAY  
NORNING, ALL INFORMATION KNOWN REGARDING BERG AND HIS CRIMINAL  
ANTECEDENTS ~~XXXX~~ PRIOR TO 1926.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. MAINTAINING COVER ON HOUSE AND CONVERSATION AT  
TOLEDO BUT NOTHING YET TO INDICATE PLAN AS TO FURTHER CONTACT.  
INFORMANT, CHICAGO, HAS RECEIVED NO WORD AS YET OF PLAN BUT IS  
CONFIDENT PLAN WILL GO THROUGH SHORTLY. FURTHER CHECK AT  
RIVERSIDE, ONTARIO, DEVELOPS NOTHING OF VALUE. CHECK AT CEDAR  
POINT, OHIO, SHOWS NOTHING.

E. J. CONNELLEY

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Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 24, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935 (7-576), in this matter instructing that a summary report be prepared concerning activities of Myrtle Eaton in the Jacksonville District, and also my letter of the 20th instant requesting all available data not heretofore supplied the Jacksonville Office.

Please be advised that the matter has been submitted to the United States Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida, who is very agreeable to prosecuting Myrtle Eaton in this district on a charge of harboring William Weaver. He does not look with particular favor on the other possible methods of prosecution as outlined in the Bureau letter, in view of the fact that considerable trouble was experienced with similar indictments at Miami, Florida, which were eventually overruled by the court.

It is the intention of the United States Attorney here to submit the matter to a Grand Jury convening at Orlando, Florida, October 7, 1935. He has requested that a certified copy of any indictments against Weaver returned at St. Paul in connection with this case be forwarded by the Clerk of the Court at that place to the Clerk of the Court, Jacksonville, Florida. This procedure will tend to simplify the proper identification, et cetera, of the indictments when used in this district before the Grand Jury, and possibly at the time of trial.

It is also requested that two good photographs of both William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, of very recent date, be secured so that same may be used in the further investigation in this district, and also at the time of trial. In connection with forwarding these photographs, the Jacksonville Office should be advised as to the name and address of the person who took same and developed the film so that he may be brought here as a witness, if necessary to properly identify the photograph of Weaver.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

9/24/35.

The Jacksonville Office should be immediately supplied with the name of at least one competent witness who testified before the Grand Jury at St. Paul, and whose testimony related particularly to Weaver. We would also like, if possible, to have the photographs which are being requested above shown to the suggested witness prior to the transmission of the photographs to this district.

The matter of suggesting the name of a competent witness who gave testimony to indict Weaver is left to the discretion of the St. Paul Office.

Attention is again called to the fact that we desire to present this case to a Grand Jury October 7, 1935, which will require prompt compliance with this request so that subpoenas may be issued in this district in due time.

Very truly yours,

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Co: Bureau ✓  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati.

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R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.





Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al -  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Pursuant to instructions in the Bureau's letter of September 19, 1935 (7-576), the following moneys which were found in the possession of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton when they were apprehended at their home in the vicinity of Allandale, Florida, on September 1, 1935, are being forwarded herewith by insured registered mail. Upon receipt of same final disposition should be made in accordance with instructions in the Bureau's letter of September 19th to the Jacksonville office, copy of which was furnished your office.

Found in the possession of William Weaver:  
pocketbook containing \$555.00  
(pocketbook also enclosed)

Found in the pocketbook of Myrtle Eaton:  
the sum of \$47.32

Located below and behind the dresser  
drawer in one of the bedrooms in the house  
occupied by Weaver and Eaton: 100.00

Undetermined amount of cash in a small  
bank marked "Bobbie Osborne".

Also located in Weaver's house near  
Allandale, Florida: in dimes 5.00

These moneys are more fully described on pages 2  
and 16, 17 and 18 of the report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins,  
Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935.

Enclosures -  
REGISTERED & INSURED  
cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley at  
Chicago  
Jax #7-24

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Very truly yours,

OCT 2 1935

M. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype from the St. Paul Bureau office dated September 28, 1935 requesting that all available information relative to admissions on the part of Oliver A. Berg to Special Agents of this Bureau, contained in the Chicago Bureau office files, relative to his past criminal activities and associates, be furnished your office to be used by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota in combating Berg's petition for reduction of sentence.

Berg was taken into Federal custody by Special Agents R. L. Jones, J. L. Madala and R. D. Brown at Chicago, Illinois on the night of August 22, 1934 at a rooming house at 5248 Winthrop Avenue. At the time of his apprehension some difficulty was experienced in causing his arrest due to Berg's failure to immediately submit to arrest at the first instance. In a desk drawer located near the point where Berg was sitting in his room at this rooming house at the time of his arrest were two .38 calibre loaded revolvers and Berg's actions at the time of his arrest indicated that he desired the opportunity to reach for these guns in order to avoid apprehension.

Berg was taken to the Chicago Bureau office by the above named Agents where he was questioned on the late evening of August 22, 1934 until the morning of August 25, 1934, when he was taken to the City Jail at Winnetka, Illinois for safe keeping. He remained in the said jail at Winnetka until the morning of August 30, 1934, when he was removed by Special Agents of the Chicago office to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois where he was turned over to the warden of that institution where he was wanted on a charge of technical escape from that institution to complete a sentence of from ten years to life on a charge of robbery, armed. A criminal record, known to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which will be listed at the end of this letter, will show the date of his arrest on this charge for which he received the last sentence.

Various interviews had been had with Berg by Special Agents of the Chicago Bureau office and the information furnished by him relative to his past criminal associations and activities, as contained in official reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is furnished herewith.

The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 1934, starting with Page 22, records the details of Berg's apprehension. During the period covering the dates August 22, 23, 24, 1934, Berg was interviewed by Special Agents J. L. Madala, C. O. Campbell, R. D. Brown and J. R. Welles. Berg informed these Agents that he had been living, since his release on a habeas corpus from the Illinois State Penitentiary, at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Oliver Bennett; that his true name is Oliver A. Berg but is known to his friends generally as Ollie. He stated he was born at South Chicago, Illinois on April 3, 1880; that he is an American citizen of Hungarian ancestry; that his only living relatives are his sisters, Florence Gonda, Budapest, Hungary and Mrs. Armin Kuhn, 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Berg stated he is a tool maker by trade and worked at this occupation until he became 31 years of age, after which period he sold real estate for Chicago concerns, doing this type of work for approximately ten years, after which he purchased a small cigar stand in Chicago, operating this business for approximately a year, after which he again engaged in real estate for a short time. He stated that shortly after the entrance of the prohibition era he became associated with Louis Varian, alias Louis Alterie, Dean O'Banion, Johnny Shey, Johnny Phillips, Karl Wine, and others who were engaged in the liquor racket in Chicago, Illinois and vicinity. He admitted that O'Banion, Shey, Phillips and Wine were subsequently killed in gangland fashion by mobsters of the notorious Al Capone syndicate. It should be brought to the attention of the court that Louis Varian, alias Louis Alterie, notorious head of the Chicago Motion Picture Operators Union, who ruled that union with an iron hand using gangland tactics, was murdered in gangland fashion by persons unknown to the Chicago Police during the summer of 1935. It is common knowledge among law enforcement agencies at Chicago, Illinois that Varian, for many years before his death, traveled throughout Chicago in a bullet proof limousine always accompanied by bodyguards and Berg has admitted on several occasions to both Special Agent R. D. Brown and Special Agent J. L. Madala that he has, on occasions, acted as bodyguard for Varian.

Berg advised he was first arrested at Chicago, Illinois in 1924 for violation of the National Prohibition Act. At this time he served 5 months in the County Jail at Woodstock, Illinois; that

✓ in 1926 he, together with one Hymie Dickholtz and Milae Mendolacohn, was arrested in Champaign County, Illinois for robbery of a jewelry salesman with a gun; that in making their getaway he, Berg, was shot just above the heart by a deputy sheriff; that he subsequently pleaded guilty to this charge and was sentenced to serve the remainder of his natural life in the penitentiary at Menard, Illinois; that he was later transferred to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, entering that institution on December 15, 1928 and serving until November of 1931, at which time he was released under a writ of habeas corpus and immediately thereafter he served four months in the Cook County Jail at Chicago, Illinois and finally in March of 1932 his case was dismissed and he was discharged. However, it later developed that Berg was not actually discharged by the Court as his case was taken to the Supreme Court for the State of Illinois, which Court affirmed the judgment of the lower court and on May 17, 1933 the Chicago, Illinois Police Department was requested to cause Berg's apprehension and return to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, the following notation appearing on his criminal record "wanted as Cliver Berg, Fugitive, from Joliet penitentiary; notify Police Department, Chicago, Illinois per instructions received therefrom 5-17-33 - disappeared while on writ of supersedeas from State Prison, Joliet, Illinois."

✓ While in the Illinois State Penitentiary Berg advised he first met Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a defendant in the above captioned case, who, according to Berg, performed a delicate operation surrounding the bullet which was imbedded just below his heart, received during the robbery at Champaign, Illinois, saving his life. He informed that after his technical release from the Illinois State Penitentiary on the writ of supersedeas, he contacted Joseph P. Moran at his office in Chicago, Illinois, obtaining medical treatment from him and also associated with him socially.

Berg admitted to the above named Special Agents that shortly after his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary he met one Russell Gibson, who he knew as Ray Evans in Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted that Russell Gibson is also a defendant in the above captioned case and is now deceased, having been killed by Special Agents of the Chicago Bureau office in attempting to avoid arrest at Chicago, Illinois in January, 1935. Gibson also has a long arrest record and was wanted for bank robbery in the State of Oklahoma in addition to the instant charge of kidnaping. Berg admitted associating with Gibson from the period shortly after his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary up until the time of his arrest.

Berg further admitted to the above named Agents that he had done no work since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary and had been living in comparative security at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, knowing that his return to the Illinois State Penitentiary was desired. Berg's associations with the other defendants in this case, beginning with January, 1934 to the date of his arrest at Chicago, Illinois, Toledo, Ohio and other points in the middle west, was brought out fully during the trial of some of the defendants in this case, including himself, during the spring, 1935, term of Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the occasion of the removal of Berg from the Chicago Bureau office, 1900 Bankers Building, to the City Jail at Winnetka, Illinois, on the morning of August 25, 1934, via Bureau owned automobile, he was escorted by Special Agent J. L. Madala and former Special Agent T. C. Connor. Special Agent J. L. Madala telephonically advised Special Agent R. D. Brown on September 28, 1935 that while engaged in this travel, the conversation between the two Agents and Berg was with reference to various Chicago gang killings and the persons implicated therein. Berg then made this statement to Agents Madala and Connor: "I killed a couple of guys one time". Berg refused to go into this admission further although diplomatic attempts were made by Agents Madala and Connor to solicit further admissions.

During a conversation with Berg with the above named Agents he admitted he accompanied Louis Varian from Chicago, Illinois to Hannibal, Missouri during the spring of 1934 where Varian was interested financially in the Moulin Rouge Tavern for the purpose of installing slot machines in this tavern and other taverns in the vicinity. Berg admitted that Varian was in the slot machine racket in addition to being connected with the above named labor organization and that although he, Berg, was not interested in this racket he frequently acted as Varian's bodyguard when making trips in and about Chicago and to other points where Varian had slot machine interests.

The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown dated January 8, 1935, starting with Page 48, records a further interview with Berg by Special Agent John L. Madala on November 22, 23 and on December 12, 1934 at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. On the above dated interviews Berg made additional admissions relative to his political and criminal associates. Berg advised Agent Madala that a few months after the release of Dr. Joseph P. Moran from the penitentiary, Moran opened an office in Maywood, Illinois; that Moran met with some difficulty in obtaining a license to practice medicine in view of his previous criminal record and in this connection Berg advised he was successful, through his influence with political friends, in securing the said license for Dr. Moran; that when Dr. Moran opened his office at Maywood, Illinois, he, Berg, loaned him a considerable amount of money.

It will be recalled by the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota that certain evidence was admitted during the trial of this case at St. Paul, Minnesota during the spring, 1935, term, to show that John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, a defendant in this case, who was shown to have been a powerful political figure in Chicago, had assisted Dr. Moran in securing a license to practice medicine after his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary. Although Berg has never admitted he secured the services of Boss McLaughlin on behalf of Dr. Moran, it appears reasonable that Berg accomplished his purpose in aiding Moran through Boss McLaughlin.

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The following criminal record of Oliver A. Berg is on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation:



The foregoing information is all that is contained in the Chicago Bureau office files relative to Berg's past criminal associates and record. The only information not contained in the reports before designated is the information furnished by Special Agent J. L. Madala with reference to the admission made by Berg to Madala and Special Agent Connor while en route from Chicago, Ill. to Winnetka, Ill. on August 25, 1934, as is stated above.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-45**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-30-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-26-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>J. E. THORNTON - C.E.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. Mizer unknown at Coshocton. Possibly refers to Mr. French Mizer, 553 Chestnut St., who owns the Mizer Sanatorium. General reputation good. No police record. Mizer is a local man, born and raised in this town. b7d

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype message from Portland Office dated 9-20-35.

**DETAILS:**

AT COSHOCTON, OHIO.

Hugh M. Hay, Postmaster at Coshocton advised that he did not know anyone at Coshocton by the name of Mizer and he checked with Mr. Roy Bates who is at the General Delivery window but could not find any information concerning anyone by the name of Mizer. Mr. Hay advised that the only name similar to Mizer was a Mr. French Mizer who owns the Mizer Sanatorium, and who was born and raised at Coshocton, Ohio and bears a good reputation. b7d

Agent contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Mr. Mizer has never been in any kind of trouble that he knows of in all the years that he has known him. A Mr. Mizer is unknown to [REDACTED]

W. L. Grandle, Coshocton National Bank, advised agent that he has known Mr. Mizer for several years and has always regarded him in a very good light. Mr. Grandle advised that he knew very little about the sanatorium except that in years past it was a very large establishment and at the present time does not seem to be going much business. Mr. Grandle suggested that Dr. Lister

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Pomerene, 144 Sixth St., and Mr. Dan Meek, 550 Chestnut St., would be two good contacts. He further advised that Mr. Meek was a Christian Scientist and had little use for doctors and he thought that these two would give different viewpoints about Mr. Mizer.

Mr. Dan Meek lives in a very fine home, immediately across from the Sanatorium and has lived in this neighborhood for over 35 years. Mr. Meek is the owner of a printing shop and calendar business and is a prominent man of Coshocton, Ohio. Mr. Meek advised agent that he has known Mr. Mizer all of his life and regards him very highly; that Mizer caters to drug addicts, although he does not think that Mr. Mizer really tries to actually cure drug addicts but tries to get them on their feet so that they are improved enough to go home. In other words Mr. Meek thinks that he (Mizer) has a good racket and is shrewd enough to take care of it. Mr. Meek advised agent that Mizer caters to wealthy people and has had some very well known people at the sanatorium and named among some of the people Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who is supposed to have been at the institution for cures at several different times.

Dr. Lister Pomerene, 144 Sixth St., is a retired doctor and apparently is well off financially. He advised agent that he has lived across the street from the sanatorium for over fifteen years and that he has known French Mizer for many years. Dr. Pomerene frankly advised agent that he had very little respect for Mizer as he regards him as a faker and stated that Mizer did not speak to him for years and only "grunts" now when he meets him as he (Dr. Pomerene) refused to recommend the sanatorium or the cure and refused to take a position as a physician on call for the institution. Dr. Pomerene advised that the sanatorium was started over twenty-five years ago by Blake Mizer, a brother of French Mizer, and that Blake Mizer is now deceased. Dr. Pomerene stated that in years past the sanatorium paid very well as each patient had to pay the sum of \$500.00 upon entrance and that Mizer insisted that it always be paid in advance, and that years ago that he had all of the patients that he could care for, but that at the present time he has only about three patients. Dr. Pomerene stated that he did not know anything that could be said against French Mizer that could be proved but that he could not say anything about him that was good and that he would not trust him and would not be surprised at anything that he would do. Dr. Pomerene stated that he did not understand how French Mizer could afford to put some of the improvements on the place that he has done and is doing at the present time.

Harry Davis, Acting Chief of Police, advised that he has known Mizer for many years and regards him very highly and that he has never had a complaint concerning him in all the years that he has operated this sanatorium. No one by the name of Mizer is known to Mr. Davis.

Sheriff J. Abbott advised agent that he has known Mizer for years and that so far as he knows that Mizer is on the square and has always been an upright citizen.

The sanatorium is located in the very heart of the residential district of Coshocton, Ohio and one could not suspect that it was an institution as there is nothing to mark it or designate it as one in any manner. It is a very large brick home of old type architecture and surrounded by a large yard that is very well kept, and appears to be an old private residence. Agent noticed that an orderly was working out in the yard most of the day. This orderly, according to Dr. Pomerane, aids in odd jobs around the house and often cares for the patients. Mr. Mizer makes no claim to be a doctor and only manages the place.

It was not deemed advisable to contact Mr. Mizer at this time and if it is necessary in the future to do more work on this angle it is believed that Dr. Pomerane will be a good contact as he has no respect for Mr. Mizer and since he lives immediately across the street from the institution he will know just what goes on in the future as he is home most of the day.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

JAX FILE NO. **724**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/29/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. F. Fitzsimons</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 FUGITIVE; et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING &amp; FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><b>F. K. Rickensacker, Miami, Florida, claims acquaintanceship with Gurante for past five years; considers him a jack of all trades; inclined to exaggerate and not dependable.</b></p>			
REFERENCE: <p><b>Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida September 23, 1935.</b></p>			
DETAILS: <p><b>AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:</b></p> <p><b>F. K. Rickensacker, now residing at 916 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, stated that he first met Gurante in New York City about five years ago at which time Rickensacker was stopping at the Mayflower Hotel and Gurante was operating a beauty shop in the vicinity of the hotel. Rickensacker stated that, although he was not intimately acquainted with Gurante, he had met him occasionally in New York and had learned that Gurante, before operating his beauty shop, had owned a restaurant. About three years ago, Rickensacker claims that Gurante came to Miami, apparently for a visit, and after a short stay, went to Jacksonville. Rickensacker claims that he saw nothing more of him until the fall of 1934, when Gurante again appeared in Miami; stated that he had been managing the Carling Hotel Grill in Jacksonville, but hoped to get something better in Miami and he asked Rickensacker if he knew of any restaurant or bar where he might obtain employment. Rickensacker stated that he suggested to Gurante that Joe Adams contemplated opening a restaurant and bar and perhaps he could use Gurante. Thereafter, Rickensacker claims he never saw Gurante</b></p>			
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and had heard from Joe Adams that Gurante sought to operate the restaurant and bar at El Comodoro Hotel, but that Gurante failed to complete the deal.

Mr. Rickensacker stated that, although Gurante has personality and makes a nice appearance, he does not consider him trustworthy; is of the opinion that he is a jack of all trades, inclined to exaggerate and unwilling to work at anything requiring steady application.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935,  
there are transmitted herewith copies of the following letters:

(1) Letter addresses to Mrs. Helen DeLaney, 4554  
Maldin St., Chicago, Illinois, from Dolores DeLaney, who is pre-  
sently confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan.

(2) Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette,  
536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, from Wynona Burdette,  
who is presently confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan,  
Michigan.

(3) Letter addressed to Mrs. C. R. Jones, Box 111,  
Turley, Oklahoma, from Wynona Burdette, an inmate of the Federal  
Detention Home at Milan, Michigan.

(4) Letter addressed to Mrs. Eunice Burdette Hughes,  
55½ N. Yorktown, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from Wynona Burdette, an inmate  
of the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan.

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Sunday, Sept. 22, 1935

Dearest Mother,

Just got your letter and was so happy to get it. I was rather worried - wondering whether you had received my last letter or not. You see, letters are not supposed to be sent to Gen. Del. and I wasn't sure if mine had been mailed.

Yes, Mumsy, it's just as well that you don't know what it's like to be in prison and I hope you never find out. Mugs probably thinks she knows what it's like but the place she was in is more like a boarding school than anything else. It's kinda tough here but a person gets used to it and I guess I can do these years easy enough - ha - I'm laughing now - but I'm not tickled.

Yes, I received those snaps and they made me feel so funny. It seems impossible to think that I once looked like that. I think there's a mistake somewhere. Sure that's not some other girl in them? I guess those were happy days but I don't remember much about them. I remember that house in Aberdeen pretty well though. You could have sent them to me - direct - but of course you couldn't send me more than one letter in the month. Those snaps you sent me last were nice - but, gee, darling, I can't even see your face in them and I do so want to see if you have changed. Please send the enlargement soon, won't you? Just why should I laugh at you in breeches and boots? I think you would look lots nicer in them than a lot of other women do all dolled up.

I sure will be glad when you get to Chicago and see Ray. You needn't buy anything for him tho' Mummy, 'cause from what I hear he has everything he needs. They are pretty crazy about him and keep him pretty well supplied with everything.

Honey, I don't understand how the "G" can keep Mugs from going to see Ray when she wants to. Her probation has been up for quite some time, so she's a free woman. They have no right to keep her from going where she wants to now. Look into it and see - I'll bet it's a stall.

I don't think you can do anything about the baby's things, Mom. Mr. & Mrs. Karpis and Emily did everything under the sun and couldn't get them so I guess we're just S.O.L. My clothes will be okay I'm sure and I'll probably get them some time or other. They are holding them at the Marshall's office in Miami now.

I'll just bet the G. men gave you a fit. I'd sure liked to have seen you talking to them. Did they ever question you about me before I was arrested? Did you ever give them any pictures of me? They

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had one and I was wondering if they got it from you. I guess the G. are all pretty polite but you couldn't expect anything from the cops there. I have my first time to have one of them treat me with any courtesy. Just how would you expect me to get my mind off of the things that's happened? even if I wanted to? - which I don't. I'll remember those things 'till the last day I live.

Darling, don't try to send me anything for my hair 'cause they won't let me have it. I have a hair brush and it's a good one. I had it in my bags when I came here and they let me have it. The doctor has promised to do something about my hair. He may and then again he may not. Whether he does or doesn't matter much 'cause when I get out I can wear a wig. Won't that be sweet? I massage my scalp once in awhile but usually by the time I get into my cell at night I'm so tired I don't want to do a thing but sleep. No, I haven't had what you would call a physical exam yet but who knows - I may have one someday. My leg doesn't bother me except in damp or cold weather - which has been everyday lately - I'm not feeling so bad tho - considering everything.

Don't feel that way about the food, honey. Why - it's not so bad. On Sundays we have a pretty good dinner - no fooling. Anyway what's food - not a thing in my young life. And as you say - It wont always be like this and God is good - I'll never make a good Christian I guess, but anyway I do believe in God and that's a little bit in my favor - don't you think so?

Gee, Mummy, it made me feel good to know that you saved those pieces of furniture I liked so well. I had my own furniture twice - but you know - I never could find any pieces I liked as well as those. It seems strange to think of me in my own house, with my own furniture and everything, doesn't it? I had one house that I was just wild about and I furnished it real cute. When I was buying my things I wished you could have been with me to help me. I had six rooms, two bedrooms, a sun parlor, living room, dining room, a great big kitchen and also a little tiny dinette - it was as cute as it could be. I think about it an awful lot. I wonder if I'll ever have anything like it again. Maybe not - but then I've been just as happy if not happier, when I've been so broke I've had to pawn jewelery so as to have enough to live on. Remember how we had to pinch to make things last 'till the next pay day. I really learned something from that - Alvin used to tell me I could do more on less than any one he ever saw - except maybe his mother. I always told him he ought to meet you then 'cause you sure know how to make one dollar do the work of ten. I used to try to be so careful when we were short - many a time I've done our own washing and ironing and if



you ever saw the size of it you would say that it was a big enough job for anyone. I always did most of my housework too, except just before Raymond came I had a girl to cook and clean and another one for my laundry. I just hated to have someone else around getting into my things but Alvin insisted. He said he didn't want me over-doing or hurting myself at such a time and I don't care what anyone says to the contrary I believe every woman likes to be babied. I know I do - in fact I love it.

I had a letter from Mugs this month and Babe wrote a few lines it it, too, also a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Karpis but Bud hasn't written yet tho' I expect one from him most any day. He is pretty good about things like that. He forgets once in awhile but I have bawled him out a little the next time I write to him and he's so sweet about it that I just can't be mad at him. Whenever he writes he says he wishes you would hurry and move to Chicago - he want's to see you so badly. He will sure be tickled when you get there. I will, too, because that means you will be near enough so that you can come and see me pretty often and I do so want to see you. Do you know it's been over two years since I last saw you? That's quite a long time but I can see you just as plain now as the day I last saw you, Remember you walked downstairs and out in front with Babe and me and kissed me goodbye. I looked back when I got to the corner and you were still there. I've carried that picture of you with me everywhere I've gone since then. I often wanted to see you again but I just couldn't - you understand, don't you mumsy? Well, darling, as three sheets are all I'm allowed to write I'll have to say goodbye. Loads of love from your baby - Dolores. Write real soon.

P. S. Who are you living with in Chicago, anyway, & what kind of a place are you in? That's not such a swell address from what I know of Chicago. Write and tell me all about it.

P.S. 'Scuse my writing I'm doing it in spurts and jumps using everything for a desk - even the kitchen sink.



Box 1000  
Milan Mich.  
Sept 22, 1935

Darling Bro and Sis:-

Just received your letters and was I ever glad to get them, I had begun to think you had forgotten you had a baby sis. You really dont know how much I missed your letter last month. You two kids will never know how surprised I was when I heard you were together again, yeh man? Why didn't you give me notice in advance that you were going to do it - or did it surprise you too? Good-night I hope you kid's have finally made up your minds, But never the less I wish you both loads of luck and hope you continue being as happy as you are now, no foolin.

Art, dear, is Lewstow closer here than Erie, or what? What kind of a town is it? Is it a very large place? I often try to imagine just where you are and what you are doing and it helps if I know what the place looks like. Why dont you send me some pictures of it - if nothing else - a couple of post card's would do. How about it?

Art and Helen, if you two dont send me some pictures of yourselves right quick you'll be sorry, 'cause some bright, sunshiny morning you're going to wake up with the awfulest noise in your ears. And it will be me jumping up and down in my cell and screaming. Would you like that now, would you? I want some real sweet one's of your selves my girl friend want's to see a picture of you so bad, Art, infact all the girl's do, I've talked about you so much that they think you're something special - which you are, of course. I guess, it's hard for them to believe that nasty, little old me could have such a wonderful brother. Helen do you remember the folder you sent to Esther a little over a year ago? Wont you Puh-please - send me one like it? I thought it was the sweetest thing, you looked so pretty and innocent in it. I just received some awfully sweet pictures from home. There was one with Ruth & Jim together. Jim looked so cute and Ruth looked sweet but she looked so terribly tired.

I got one of Millie's little blonde girl, Kathleen too, she certainly is growing and getting cuter every day. Millie say'es she can play the guitar and sing tenor like no bodies business, you know all of her children are really talented when it comes to music. Millie told me that Jim was staying with her and looking for work so they could send Ellen Louise to school in Tulsa this year. She didn't say what Ruth was doing except living with that no good husband of her's, I can not understand why she wants to keep on living with that so- and- so when he treats her the way he does. bless her little heart she is so darn sweet to have to sit down and be run over in such a way.

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I have been feeling so low-down and miserable for the last two weeks or so, that wisdom tooth I was telling you about that made me feel so miserable - is gone. Just as I was starting to feel half-way good and the swelling had gone down - why - the dentist - (slay him) - came and pulled it and now I'm in misery again. Why does a person have to have the crazy old things any-way, When they're good for nothing except causing pain! Well, it will probably be better soon and then maybe something else will come up - huh?

Brother, o - mine, you always's tell me so much news in your letter's. I don't know just which part to read first (that sarcasm - believe it or not) Hasn't anything at all happened? surely there has been some little old thing taken place lately, I like to hear all the news I can. Even if I can't be a part of the outside world, and the thing's people are doing I would like to hear about them. How about it - Will you write and tell me all the news? Please do? Well old sweet bunch of roses I must close and call it a day as I am trying to write in bed and that isn't so easy. What-a-you think? so you kiss Helen for me & Helen you give my baby bud a great big hug & kiss for me. Will he?

Nite-nite darling's and be good.

Your loving baby sis Nona B.

XOXOXOXO Loads & loads of love XOXOX  
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P. S.

Essie hasn't came up yet, but Im looking for her ever day.

**Nona**

Answer real soon

Please see

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Sept 24, 1935  
Milan Mich.  
Box 1000.

Beloved Sis & family:-

Received your letter a couple of day's ago but I have been so busy and feeling so badly I haven't had time to answer it until now.. When I wrote my last letter to you I was so blue and cranky that I said things I wish I hadn't. Forgive me, honey, cause I know how busy you are and I don't want you to feel that you are neglecting me - for even if I don't get a letter from you each month I know in your heart you are thinking of me and loving me, and that means so much more than a letter, even tho' I love to get them. When I read them it is almost as if you were talking to me. They take me back to Oklahoma and oh - how I would love to be there again. I will before so terribly long and then m-m- Will we have fun!

I got the pictures of Jim, Ruth and Kathleen, gee, they were the sweetest things. I was really proud of em. I can hardly wait to get Cecils (Tinkies) picture. I'll bet he is the cutest little dickens right now and I'd sure love to see him lordy, lord, what shall I do -- just think he'll be going to school when I get out of here. Oh, yes, how about the other kiddies are they as sweet and nice as they "uster" be? I sure will be glad to get there pictures, too. And you said Eunice was sending me one of herself and you - but yiminy, gee, they're not here yet and I do wonder when they're going to get here. I have already had my 4 letters from you kids this month but Eunice didn't send any pictures, although she did say something about some pictures Charlie was supposed to have sent her with her clothes and didn't. Were those the one's? Ok, Im so anxious to see if you have changed any since I was home. Have you?

Honey, ask Jim if she won't write me a short note in one of your letter's. I haven't heard from her since I've been arrested & I want to so badly. Doesn't she want to write me? Ask her, won't you? Ruth hasn't written either. Tell her I sure would like to have a few short lines from her. She could write in with Eunice and it would make me feel so much better.

They are sure right (who ever they are) when they tell you some- one would steal you if you would get out of that bottom once in awhile. anyone that wouldn't try to steal you wouldn't be worth his salt - what do you think of that? I do wish you could or would get out and go places oftener. It would do you good.

Art just wrote me and guess what he said - you never could - He and Helen are back together again. Now, isn't that something? Boy, Oh, Boy! I nearly fell out when I read that. Will Eunice be boiling when she hears about it. I'd sure like to see her face when you break the news. They are living in Lewistown, Pa. living with Helen's brother and his wife. His address is 536 Valley Street.

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You remember I told you how I sewed my finger on the machine? Well - I did it again. This time it went through finger nail and all. The girl's all kid me now and tell me I sew my fingers more than I do the material. It just hurt like the dickens at first but it's Okay now.

I had that Wisdom tooth that was bothering me so much, pulled the day before yesterday. It didn't feel so good for awhile cause soon as it was out I got a little infection it it - but the dentist looked at it and packed it today and said it was coming along swell. It feels pretty good now.

So Mr. Hansen is still coming out to see you, and Mr. Kitchen, too. Well, now isn't that nice? And you say that they have taken a great liking to the children -- I hope it's the children. Yes I met Mr. Kitchen in Panca City the last time I was home. He was with Mr. Hall and Mr. Hansen.

Well, what in the world is the matter with Homer, any way? If he wants to go out to see you - why in the world doesn't he? That was his home for so long you'd think he would once in awhile. Tell Homer and his wife that if they aren't seperated by the time I get home - they will be shortly after. Ha - ha - How's that? Do I feel evil, or do I.

Yes, Honey girl, I heard about the (almost) family reunion. Esther wrote and told me I was so sorry Art & I couldn't be there. Wouldn't that have been swell.

I'd love to see Aaron and hear him preach. He sure must be getting better looking every day if he is getting to look like Papa. Don't you agree with me?

I'm not gaining weight lately but for awhile I thought sure I was heading for the 150 mark fast. I am staying pretty close to 123 lbs. most of the time (with my overalls on) but I have my up's and down's - ha - ha - ha - I'll swar.

Say hello and kiss the babies for me and have them kiss you for me.

Oisions of love.  
Your baby Sis Nona B.  
barrells & barrells of  
Hugs & kisses to you  
and those darling babies

Answer real soon. XOXOXOXOXOXO Nona  
P.S. Kiss Jim and Ellen for me to and  
make Jim drop a line or two with you.  
bye, bye.

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P. S. I would have answered your letter before this but I didn't  
get it until the 19th even tho' it was mailed the 7th but better  
late than never huh - ?

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Milan, Mich.  
Sept. 26, 1935  
Box 1000

My sweet and loving sis Eunice:-

Oh, honey, I was so happy when I got your letter and heard that you might get to come and see me. I can hardly wait, I've been waiting since the day I got your letter telling me about it (which was on the 19th) When is it going to be - or don't you know for sure yet? I do hope you come and real soon.

I got the pictures of Ruth, Jim and Kathleen in Millies last letter. They all looked so sweet. But Ruthie looked terribly tired. What is the matter with her? She must be working too hard, bless her old sweet heart, tell her Nanie said for her to take a vacation for herself. I got the pictures you sent - yesterday, You're still the same old Eunice, aren't you? You don't look as if you're changed even a little bit since I saw you last. You say you have gray hair - but you sure don't look it. If you have it's only made you sweeter and better looking, of course if it's a sign of brains - I am surprised that your hair isn't completely gray.

Mildred sure look's sweet in her picture, bless her heart - gee, I surely was glad to get them, and how, I wonder when Bessie & Gwen are going to send me one of themselves, or are they going to bring them to me?

Yes, Darling I would give everything I own to be there listening to Esther singing (My shangi lill) but I would be helping her swing that mop, now, would I love that or would I? I'm asking you? Yes? And how! Honestly, Keet, I can close my eyes and see myself home again, what fun we would have. Boy, I'm just waiting for that day when I can come back to my family - to be happy once again.

Gwen must be getting forgetful coming home with out her hat. Any way - she hasn't written to me in a long time, surely she isn't forgetting her Aunt Nanie.

Say, what in the world has come over men now days. They certainly do believe in beating up on their wives. You tell Mr. Hughes for me that he had better get all of that foolishness out of his system before I get out of here - or he will wish he had. I had to put up with that sort of thing for awhile from Eldon, but I'm certainly not going to have my sister's hit by any

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man. Eunice, Dear, please don't be angry with me - for I'm just speaking my mind. Listen, that really burned me up when I read where he had burned you on the arm, you tell him if he wants to brand somebody to wait until I come home and I will have a branding party with him - I branded one man for striking me and I'll do it a lot quicker for striking one of my sisters, you remember what Mama used to say? "Any man that would strike a woman, wouldn't have the nerve to fight a man."

Listen, honey girl, you see that Ellen is taken good care of, won't you? I do worry so much about her, even though I know you are all doing your best for her, she is such a sweet and lovable little thing and I miss her so awfully much.

I am feeling pretty good except for my crazy old wisdom tooth. It just about drove me crazy for about two week's, all swollen and sore as the very dickens. When it finally got better and the swelling went down the dentist came and pulled it - now the thing is hurting like - - - well, I don't know what. It will be okay though in a few days I guess.

No, honey, we don't have school in here or any - thing else. I did write Mr. Ryan a note and asked him if I could have a Tipple and he said I might so - if you can get one or a uke I'd sure be tickled if you would bring it to me. We don't have any kind of entertainment, except of course, the Radio - and that's only on when the Matron will allow it. Then, too, we have cards that are as old as Methuseleh, but they sure help to pass the time away. It's rather hard to picture me playing cards, I do, though, and enjoy it. I play Pinochle, Hearts, Casino and a few others.

Listen, sweets, if you think a real penitentiary is like the kind you see in pictures - you're way off. It's as different as day from night and stew from steak. Why, they have shows and everything in those kind but if they have them here, I sure haven't seen em.

Honey, I did tell Richard he could let his Mother use my radio but I did not say she could keep it. I kinda think I might want it my self someday. It might come in handy. What Cha think?

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It made me feel so good to get that note from Jack even though it did look more like Russian than English. Tell him I'm dreadfully sorry but I just cant write him as they wont let me, but I think it's terribly sweet of him to want me to.

Oh, Eunice, I do so wish I could have one of those little rings you told me about - but we aren't allowed any kind of jewelry except our wedding rings and we almost didn't get them. You can bring the songs tho' and Puh-lease do.

According to the dates on your letter one was written the 1st and the other the 9th of September but I didn't get either of them until the latter part of the month. They came just two days apart. Swell service, eh?

Well, sweet, I must hit the hay as it's 9:30 o'clock and the lights go out at 10 - so Nite, Nite, Dear be good and answer real soon - I will write more next month.

Your Loving Baby sis Nona B.

P. S.

Tell every body "Hello."

I'm watching for you & Esther every day. Love baby sis. Wynona B. C.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **2-25**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9/30/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. E. ROBERTS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Company recently unwatered Old Ropes Gold Mine near Ishpeming, Michigan, however there are no gold developments which would merit the development of town as result thereof in state of Michigan. Subject Cassius McDonald taken into custody by Federal Agents 9/26/35 on warrant based upon fugitive complaint filed before United States Commissioner. He was arrested by Deputy Marshal and taken before United States Commissioner where he stood mute. Preliminary United States Commissioner's hearing set for 2 P.M. 10/8/35. Bond set at \$100,000, in default of which remanded to Wayne County Jail.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, 9/5/35; letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, dated September 9, 1935; letter from Cleveland office to Detroit office dated September 23, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> This office contacted the Geographical Survey Division of the Department of Conservation, Lansing, Michigan, and received a letter dated September 12, 1935, from W. Osgood, Geologist, stating that the Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Company has recently unwatered the Old Ropes Gold Mine near Ishpeming, but has just</p>			
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begun to explore the property. Various reports of gold occurrences in the Lower Peninsula have reached his office during the past ten years, but these reports have never been substantiated and geographical conditions in the Peninsula are such that the Geographical Survey Division does not look for the discovery of commercial deposits; that there certainly have been no developments which would merit the development of a town as a result thereof.

In addition to the letter of reference from the Cleveland office which referred to the Bureau letter dated September 21, 1935, a telephone call was received on the evening of September 25, 1935, from Special Agent in Charge Andersen of the St. Paul Bureau Office, advising that on the afternoon of September 23, 1935, a complaint had been filed before United States Commissioner Howard Abbott at Minneapolis, Minnesota, charging Cassius McDonald with conspiracy to violate the act of June 22, 1932, in that he had on September 10, 1934, exchanged \$72,000 of ransom money; that Subject McDonald's apprehension was desired and his bond had been suggested in the amount of \$100,000 returnable at Minneapolis, Minnesota, forthwith.

On the evening of September 26, 1935, Special Agent L. C. Rumsey and the writer located Subject McDonald at his residence, 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. He accompanied Agents to the Detroit Bureau office. He was placed under arrest by Deputy United States Marshal Pierce and was arraigned before United States Commissioner Frank Q. Quinn, based upon a fugitive complaint which had been filed on September 26, 1935, by Assistant United States Attorney William G. Comb. Subject McDonald was represented by his attorneys, Edward N. Barnard and former Judge Charles Bartlett, Subject's preliminary United States Commissioner's hearing set for 2 P.M. October 8, 1935, and his bond was set by Commissioner Quinn at \$100,000, in default of which Subject McDonald was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

The Bureau and St. Paul offices were notified by teletype of the action taken at the arraignment, fixing bond, and setting of date of McDonald's preliminary hearing.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:** The Detroit Office at ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN, will display photographs of Subjects Karpis and Campbell to local authorities for the purpose of ascertaining if they have seen Subjects in that vicinity, and ascertain if they know of any lodges or places in the vicinity which might be used for a hideout. Conduct any additional investigation warranted.

The St. Paul Office will make necessary arrangements through the United States Attorney's office to have available the necessary witnesses in Detroit for the preliminary United States Commissioner's hearing of Subject McDonald, to be held at 2 P.M. October 8, 1935.

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DEVEREUX CHECKING RIVERSIDE, ONTARIO, TODAY AND TONIGHT WILL PROCEED  
TO TOLEDO THURSDAY FOR CHECKING LEADS THERE. I WILL PROCEED TO TOLEDO  
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 AT CANTON, OHIO. FIRST LICENSE ISSUED LAWRENCE CAIN, 6320 KENMORE  
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*Edw. G. Bremer*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 30, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--I.O.#1218;  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING, etc.

This will confirm receipt of the Bureau's code telegram of September 27, 1935, instructing that the Oklahoma City office be informed immediately when and to what point the bodies of Kate and Fred Parker were shipped.

Immediately subsequent to the receipt of your telegram, by telephone I advised the Oklahoma City office that these bodies were removed by an undertaker to Joplin, Missouri, on September 24, 1935, via funeral coach from Ocala, Florida. All arrangements were made by George Barker as administrator. I also advised the Oklahoma City office that local papers reflected that the bodies would be interred in a small cemetery near Miami, Oklahoma, during the afternoon of Saturday, September 28, 1935.

By telegram during the morning of September 28th I informed the Oklahoma City office that it appeared that all arrangements were in charge of an undertaker by the name of Woodward from Joplin, Missouri.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Connelley, Chicago  
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September 23, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives, Obstruction  
of Justice, National Firearms Act.

Number: 7-576-7465

Specimens: A. Original letter beginning "I will answer your most welcome letter received some time back. I was glad to hear that". B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, Post Office 724, not postmarked. C. Original letter beginning "I received your always welcome letter and I am always glad to hear you are feeling better". D. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Post Office Box 724, Joplin, Missouri. E. Original letter beginning "Received letter. found me feeling fery. My attorney went to Chicago and got a settlement and". F. Envelope addressed to Arthur Barker, Leavenworth, Kansas, Box 7, postmarked

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office. (Continued below)

Date received: 9/24/35.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

Specimens Continued:

"Joplin, Missouri, September 21, 1935, 6 P. M."

No secret writing was found on any of the submitted letters or envelopes.

The submitted letters and envelopes will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping. Harboring of Fugitives.  
Obstruction of Justice. National Firearms  
Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau

September 24, 1935.

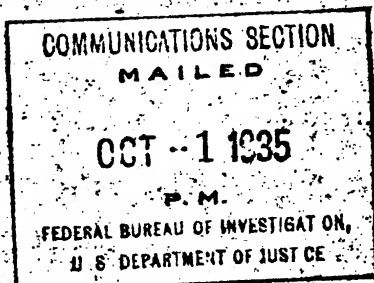
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: 7577092.

cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul



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*W. J. Connelley*  
*W. J. Connelley*  
*KRM*  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 30, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, OCT 2 1935 A.M.  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

OCT 12 1935

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated September 4 and 19, 1935 (62-28539) directing the Jacksonville Office to dispose of the Buick Coupe, Motor Number 2884746. This car is the one recovered in the possession of Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, January 16, 1935, at which time he was killed.

Special Agent R. B. Donaldson has conferred with Sheriff S. C. M. Thomas, at Ocala, Florida, and Circuit Court Judge L. E. Futch, who is also judge of Probate Court at the same place.

Sheriff Thomas states that he is not interested in assuming custody of this automobile, and will have nothing to do with it; first, because it was not turned over to him at the time it was located and taken by the Bureau, which he states was the proper time it should have been given into his custody; and, secondly, because of the fact that the estate of the Barkers has now been settled as far as court officials of Marion County, Florida, are concerned.

Judge L. E. Futch stated that he would not assume custody of the car or have anything to do with it for the reason that the estate is settled as far as his court is concerned and all the assets have been turned over to the duly qualified administrators.

The administrators for the estate are George Barker and Frank Dixon. Their address is listed as c/o Probate Court, Joplin, Missouri. These administrators appeared at Ocala, Florida, and by due process of law assumed custody of the estate, as also the bodies of Fred and Kate Barker. All local bills were paid, and the bodies were called for by a funeral coach of the Woodward Parlors, of Joplin, Missouri, and left Ocala on the morning of September 25, 1935, presumably for Joplin, Missouri; and the administrators at the same time assumed custody of all money, jewelry, clothing and other

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personal property which was then under custody and control of the Probate Court for Marion County, Florida and being held by the Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Ocala, curator appointed by the Court.

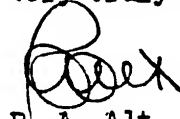
I must advise the Bureau, therefore, that it is useless to attempt further negotiations with the Marion County, Florida, Court officials for disposition of this automobile.

It is my suggestion that the St. Louis Office might properly take the matter up with the administrators of the estates at Joplin, Missouri, with a view of perfecting arrangements whereby said administrators will accept delivery and custody of this automobile.

It should be stated, however, for the benefit of the St. Louis Office, that this Buick coupe is not in running condition by reason of a burned out bearing, and the estimated cost of repairing same so that it could operate under its own power is at least \$100.00.

The car is presently in storage in Bureau rented space at Jacksonville, Florida.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1718, et al,  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the letter of the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau, dated September 30, 1935, a copy of which was directed to the Kansas City Office, from which you will observe that the county officials at Ocala, Florida and Judge of Probate L. E. Futch have declined to accept the Buick coupe, Motor #284746, which was the property of Fred Barker and which came into the possession of Special Agents of this Bureau on January 16, 1935.

In view of the fact that the administrators for the estate are George Barker and Frank Dixon, whose addresses are listed as c/o Probate Court, Joplin, Missouri, the Kansas City Office is instructed to immediately advise said administrators of the presence of the aforementioned automobile in the Jacksonville district, and to further advise them of the fact that the county authorities and the Judge of Probate at that point decline to take possession of this automobile. The administrators should be advised of the location of this car and that they may make such disposition of same as they deem advisable. It should be made known to them that the Bureau has no interest in this car.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

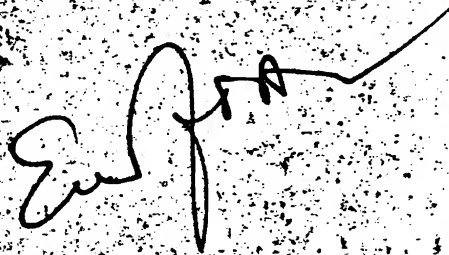
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
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CC Jacksonville  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

September 30, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
OCT 2 1935 A.M.	
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O.  
#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I. O. #1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I. O. #1239; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

On the morning of September 30, 1935, an attempt was made to rob the University State Bank, 1345 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois. On the same day Chicago newspapers carried stories to the effect that Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Henry J. "Midget" Fernekes had been identified as participants in the attempted robbery.

Interview by Special Agent S. K. McKee with R. O. Byerrum, Vice President of the Bank, revealed that the attempted robbery took place at about 9:45 a.m., September 30, 1935, and was frustrated through use of Federal Gas Apparatus with which his bank is equipped. According to Mr. Byerrum none of the bank employees, with the exception of Officer William Fleming, saw the robbers, the reason being that they only came into the building for a distance of possibly ten feet at which time they encountered Officer Fleming and at which time the gas apparatus was set off and some shooting occurred. Several persons were wounded, but none of them fatally. Mr. Byerrum furnished the names of Mrs. E. W. Keefrey, 1345 East 55th Street, H. J. Thieret, 810 Hyde Park Boulevard and Officer William Fleming, presently a patient at the Illinois Central Hospital, as persons who should

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be able to identify photographs of participants in the attempted robbery. The University State Bank is not a member bank of the Federal Reserve System.

Interviews were had with Mrs. E. W. Keefrey, 1345 East 55th Street, Sol Levenson, 6147 Eberhart Street, H. J. Thieret, 810 Hyde Park Boulevard and Louis J. Patkus, 810 Hyde Park Boulevard. Following the attempted robbery Mrs. Keefrey saw one of the participants in front of her drug store which is located directly across the street from the bank. Sol Levenson was standing on the corner of 55th Street and Kenwood Avenue, which is one half block distant from the bank and saw seven different men who were using two different automobiles. Thieret had been driven to the bank by Patkus to cash a check and at the time of the attempted robbery was inside the bank. He saw only one man, this man being in the bank. Patkus informed that he saw three different automobiles, two of which were Ford four-door sedans, and that each car had several men in it. He stated that all of the men he saw were wearing khaki colored jumpers buttoned closely around their necks, goggles and cloths over the lower portions of their faces. All of the above persons with the exception of Levenson state the various men they saw were carrying long barreled revolvers. Levenson informed that he saw several men with Thompson sub-machine guns.

All of the photographs appearing in the bank robbery album as maintained in this Office were displayed to the above persons with the result that Levenson positively identified the photograph of McCarllus Harper, Indiana State Prison No. 14492, as being one of the participants and Thieret hesitated over the picture of Harper, stating that his face is the same type of face as the man he saw. Levenson also picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis and stated it was the type of face of one of the men he saw. When asked for a detailed description of this individual he described him as being five feet, eight inches in height; age, about 35 years; weight, about 140 pounds; hair, dark; build, thin; scars, one inch cut scar over right eye.

After the above witnesses had carefully examined all of the pictures appearing in the bank robbery album with the result as noted above, the photographs of Karpis, Campbell and Fernekes were particularly called to their attention, but none of them could make any further statement.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

SKM:RP  
cc Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

HN:CSH

Washington, D. C.

May 22, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER AND STOLL KIDNAPING CASES

The attached letter to Connelley reflects the subject-matter of my conference with him this morning. What I feared most was that Mr. Connelley might engage himself in the regular supervision of the Cincinnati Office, to the detriment of his work on the special cases to which he is assigned. I made it plain to Mr. Connelley that these special cases are his specific responsibility, and that the routine work of the Cincinnati Office should be handled by the #1 man.

I told Mr. Connelley that he could travel to any section of the country on any special lead in these cases which seemed to be important, and that, as a matter of fact, if I were he I would personally supervise in any section of the country, other than Chicago, the development of any seemingly important lead.

I advised Mr. Connelley that it was your desire that he devote all of his time and attention to these special cases, in order that they might be successfully consummated at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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JHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

With reference to the memorandum attached hereto prepared by Mr. Nathan, dated May 22, 1935, this is to record that the letter referred to in Mr. Nathan's memorandum as being addressed to Mr. Connelley was not sent out from the Bureau.

  
E. A. Tamm


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Washington Field Office, Room 5252  
Washington, D.C.

October 1, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1252-A, et al;  
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the teletype sent to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office by the Philadelphia Office, dated September 23, 1935, requesting that the latest address of one Patrick J. Lyons be obtained from the Veterans Administration or the War Department, it being noted that at one time Lyons resided at 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pa., and at 1032 Oliver Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Lyons is reported to have been hospitalized at Santee, California, and at one time was stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York.

Contact was had with Mr. M. J. McInerney, Special Agent, Veterans Administration, who, after consulting the records of that bureau, advised that all files under the name of Patrick J. Lyons were located in the various regional offices and suggested that the records of the Adjutant General's office be consulted with a view to possibly identifying the Patrick J. Lyons referred to in the teletype of the Philadelphia Office.

Miss Rebecca Whitlock, World War Section, Adjutant General's Office, permitted Special Agent R. E. Newby to examine eight jackets of World War veterans, each named Patrick J. Lyons. The jackets did not contain any information which coincided with the information furnished in the teletype of reference. It is suggested, however, that a representative of the Identification Division of the Bureau borrow the original fingerprint records of all the veterans named Patrick J. Lyons and have them searched through the files of that Division, with a view to ascertaining whether there exists a criminal record which will identify the individual in whom the Bureau is interested.

The Army serial numbers of the veterans named Patrick J. Lyons are as follows:

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- (5) - 1672612
- (6) - 1050967
- (7) - 425132
- (8) - 41435

In the event a criminal record is located on any of the above individuals, copies of the abstract should be furnished to the offices indicated below.

A copy of this letter is being placed in the file entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1216, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, inasmuch as the teletype message from the Philadelphia Office made reference to this case.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Philadelphia  
Portland  
Chicago



TELETYPE

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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OCT 3 1935

PHONE. BREKID. WILL BE IN CARE DETROIT OFFICE TODAY AND TONIGHT IN  
ORDER TO CHECK LAKESIDE INN, FOUR MILES EAST OF WINDSOR, ONTARIO.  
OUR INFORMANT, WHEN HE APPEARED TOLEDO SEPTEMBER 17, 1935, WAS TAKEN  
BY EDITH AND LOU TO PLACE AT BAY SHORE, SIX MILES EAST OF TOLEDO,  
TO EMPTY HOUSE WHICH HAS A BOAT LANDING, AND APPARENTLY WOMEN KNEW  
FROM SIGNS NO CONTACT WOULD BE HAD, AND WITHOUT EXPLANATION RETURNED  
TO TOLEDO [REDACTED] b7c b7d

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*THIS CONVICTION IS TRUE SHE WILL COMMIT SUICIDE*

AND IF SO WILL TAKE ANOTHER PARTY WITH HER, POSSIBLY REFERRING TO KARPIS. NO CONTACT MADE WITH OUR INFORMANT YESTERDAY AND HE IS SENDING LETTER [REDACTED] ASKING FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHEN MATTER WILL GO THROUGH. INFORMANT ALSO SAYS SOME TIME IN PAST WHEN JOE THOMPSON WAS RUNNING LIQUOR FROM CANADA HE WAS WORKING OUT OF LAKESIDE INN AND BRINGING LIQUOR INTO BAY SHORE. OUR INFORMANT WENT WITH EDITH AND JOE ON TRIP TO INN IN CANADA WHERE EVERYBODY SEEMED TO KNOW EDITH AND JOE. HE NOW FEELS THAT THIS IS THE PLACE THEY REFERRED TO AS BEING REACHED BY PLANE AND BOAT, THAT THEY INTENDED TO TAKE HIM BY BOAT FROM BAY SHORE THE NIGHT CONTACT FAILED. I WILL CHECK THIS PLACE IN CANADA TODAY, RETURNING DETROIT TONIGHT. IF NOTHING DEVELOPS TODAY AND IT IS TO BE A WAITING PROPOSITION, WILL ARRANGE FOR AGENTS CASSIDY, AUSTIN, JONES, ARMS AND CRISS TO RETURN CHICAGO PENDING DEFINITE DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL THEN ARRANGE FOR BALANCE OF AGENTS TO MAKE A SETUP AT TOLEDO TO COVER MOVEMENTS OF THE PARTIES THERE. AGENT MCKEE WILL GO ST. PAUL AS WITNESS TOMORROW. AGENT BRYCE IS PROCEEDING WICHITA, KANSAS AS WITNESS AND WILL THEN RETURN CHICAGO. AGENT BROWN IS IN CHICAGO MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH OUR INFORMANT. b7c b7d

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 30, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the following letters, the contents of which have been carefully scrutinized by this office and appear to contain no information of value.

(1) Letter addressed to Mrs. Eunice Burdette Hughes from Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution.

(2) Letter addressed to Mrs. Helen DeLaney from Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution.

(3) Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burdette from Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution.

(4) Letter addressed to Mrs. C. R. Jones from Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:RES  
Enc. (4)  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
OCT 2 1935 A.M.	
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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

September 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated September 24,  
1935, in the above-entitled case, wherein you requested advice  
as to whether the stop notice placed with the state motor vehicle  
bureaus on Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4,135,550, purchased by  
Subject William Weaver as J. A. Orhood, should be withdrawn.

Since Weaver has been apprehended, and since the pur-  
pose of the stop notice was to secure information as to his lo-  
cation, the stop notices placed with the secretaries of state and  
motor vehicle bureaus in the various states should now be with-  
drawn.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent-in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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Bureau J

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 25, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

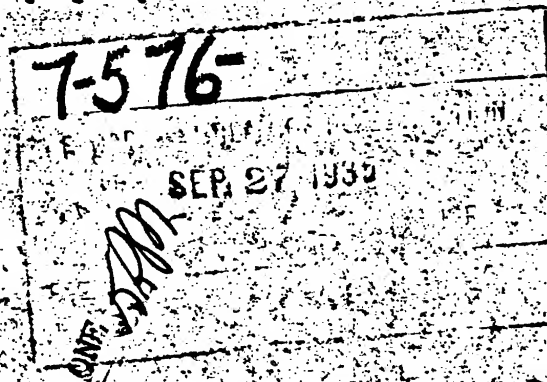
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 18, 1935 in connection with the above entitled case, in which you request that a search be made in the files of this office to ascertain whether or not any mention was contained therein with reference to a bar pin set with three diamonds and two sapphires, and a throw made up of two silver foxes, matched furs, valued at \$650, and other miscellaneous property, which is supposedly the property of Mrs. Harry Sawyer.

For your information this is to advise that a search of the files of this office failed to indicate that any of the property located in the apartments at Cleveland, Ohio, was taken into possession by Agents of this office with the exception of various miscellaneous bills and receipts which have been used for investigative purposes.

Former Special Agent in Charge Larson was contacted in connection with this matter and stated that although inventory records were made of the property in the apartments at Cleveland, Ohio, none of the property was taken by the Agents of this Bureau.

An examination of the inventory at this office, covering the property which was found in the apartments at Cleveland, Ohio, indicates that the above described property is not listed thereon.



Special Agent A. A. Muzzey of this office, who spent considerable time with Mrs. Sawyer while she was being detained at Chicago, Illinois following her arrest, states that Mrs. Sawyer while being detained frequently mentioned the fact that her property at Cleveland, Ohio had been turned over to an attorney at that place and that she was anxious to return to Cleveland, Ohio to obtain this property.

It is possible that the property listed above and which is now claimed by Mrs. Sawyer was delivered by her to the attorney at Cleveland. A search has been made of the files of this office in an effort to ascertain the name of Mrs. Sawyer's attorney; however, it does not appear that his name is contained in the Detroit Office files.

It is accordingly requested, should the Bureau so desire, that the name of the attorney at Cleveland, Ohio be ascertained through the police department and that he be contacted with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

DLN:H33  
cc-Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge



PEP:ER  
9:25 A.M.

October 1, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Unknown Subjects; University State  
Bank, Chicago, Illinois. Bank Robbery.

I called Mr. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, advising him that the University State Bank which was robbed yesterday was an insured bank of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and that it was desired the appropriate investigation be conducted in connection with this robbery, informing Mr. Ladd that it was contemplated a bulletin would be issued in the near future advising the field offices that the robbery of insured banks of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation came within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and would be handled in the regular manner.

Mr. Ladd stated that yesterday's papers had carried a story to the effect that Karpis had been identified as one of the robbers of this bank, and that he had caused photographs of Karpis to be exhibited to the various witnesses but no identification was made. An air mail letter has been forwarded to the Bureau reflecting the results of this investigation.

Mr. Ladd stated that he will immediately swing into the investigation of this robbery and will furnish the Bureau with a teletype summary of the facts. He also inquired whether the field offices would be furnished with a list of the insured banks doing business in the field office districts. I told him that this would be done in the near future, and that in the meantime, if there was any question on any particular robbery, to communicate with the Bureau, which would ascertain if the bank robbed were a member bank, and would advise if an investigation were desired.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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Mr. Nathan .....  
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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT NINTH ST  
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AGENTS D P SULLIVAN AND J P LACOUR BEFORE GRAND JURY ORLANDO  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that five copies of the ransom lists in the cases entitled, "Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive, I.C. 1218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, and "Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr., with aliases, Fugitive, I.C. 1233, et al; Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Victim, Kidnaping, be furnished the Atlanta Office.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer etc*

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
RE: Bremer Case.  
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Special Agent in Charge Jones telephoned me from the San Antonio Office with reference to Bureau letter which he had just received instructing that Special Agents Winstead and Davis proceed to Guadalupe, Mexico, for the purpose of following out a lead in the above case that possibly Doc Moran is in that place.

Mr. Jones said that there is no such place as Guadalupe, Mexico; that, however, there are two towns in Mexico similar in name to this one, these being Guadalupe, about 25 miles from Mexico City, and Guadalupe, about 200 miles from Mexico City. The former of these two places is only a small village, while the latter is about the fourth largest city in Mexico with a population of about 200,000. Mr. Jones said that the question is which of these two places is referred to by the informant.

I told Mr. Jones I believed the informant referred to the place which is nearer Mexico City, this being Guadalupe. Mr. Jones said that he is familiar with this place, having been there on many occasions; that the place is a small village and there is hardly a place for an American to live there, especially one who does not speak Spanish. However, Mr. Jones said that Guadalupe is more or less of a resort town, being near a beautiful lake, and it is entirely possible for Moran to be in this place, and to escape detection there. In the former town, Mr. Jones said that an American would stand out "like a red flag".

In view of this, I told Mr. Jones to hold this matter in abeyance until the Bureau has had a chance to check up on the same with the informant. I explained that the informant got the information second-hand, and it is entirely possible for him to have gotten misinformation.

Mr. Jones said that one reason why he would like to hold this matter in abeyance for the present at least is the fact that the San Antonio Office has just broken a case down there involving the theft of quite a large quantity of gasoline from Brooks Field down there. Agent Davis is working on this case, and is tied up on the same. Mr. Jones said they have arrested some people on this case, and expect to arrest some more in the near future.

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I pointed out to Mr. Jones that when the Agents of his office do cover this investigation, it was the opinion of the Bureau that they should spend at least a day or so in Mexico City to see if any information can be obtained relative to Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. Mr. Jones concurred in this and said that inquiries would also be conducted relative to fugitive George Wilbur Hawkins and to fugitive Sid Norwood.

Mr. Jones said that if Doc Moran is in one of these two cities, there was not any doubt in his mind but that he would be arrested by the Agents. In this connection, he said that what he would be particularly concerned about is how to get Moran out of Mexico after he is arrested. He said that in looking the file over, it appears that Moran is under indictment for conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statute, and in this connection, Mr. Jones does not believe that such an offense would serve as a sufficient basis for extradition, since he does not believe Mexico even has a kidnaping law. He further said that it would not do any good to get a waiver of removal for the reason that it would be of no value in a foreign country. He suggested, however, that it might be possible to "use a little diplomacy" and get the Mexican Government to deport this man, as an undesirable alien entering the country illegally. I told him we might do this, or if necessary, we could file charges of actual kidnaping against him.

I told Mr. Jones, however, that the Bureau would bear this in mind, and would give further consideration to the same when and if Doc Moran is taken into custody in Mexico.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

Paymaster No.  
Sept. 5, 1935

50 J. Edgar Hoover;  
Director of F. B. I., U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Sir

This is a man standing  
at Wilkins Beach, Virginia  
on Thursday, August 1st, and he  
is little as to his identity  
as being some other than  
Duke of Harp's No. 1

Presented

Height 5 ft. 10 inches  
Weight 155 to 165 lbs.

Hair Black

Eyes Black or Dark Brown

Complexion Dark

Scars over left eye.

Carries Pistol in holster under

Left arm, driving 1934 model

Lincoln Sedan. license No. 176-93

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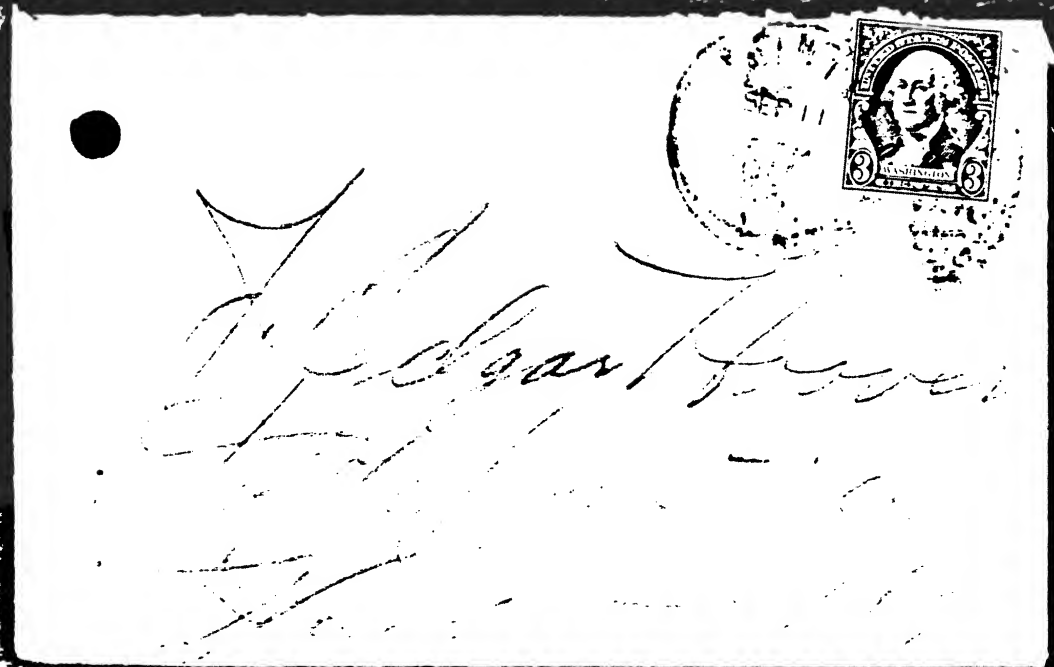
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 1, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from John Karpavicz, dated September 10, 1935, seeking permission to visit Dolores Delaney and to bring her baby with him.

John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, under date of September 26, 1935, requested information as to whether it was deemed advisable to permit this visit, and wanted to know if the Bureau desired a microphone installed for the purpose of listening to any conversation between Dolores Delaney and John Karpavicz, in the event it is desired that he be allowed to visit Dolores Delaney.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*  
D. L. Nicholson *HL*  
Special Agent in Charge

*Ans 11/9/35 KRM*

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cc Cincinnati  
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2842 N. Francisco Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.  
Sept. 10, 1935

Dear Sir:

You were kind enough three month ago to allow us to bring Dolores Delaney's baby there so that she could see him. We are writing again to see if its possible for us to come there agin with the baby. He is seven months old now. We know she would like to see him and that it would make her feel much better and more cheerful.

We would deeply appreciate hearing from you and will be very grateful to you if we will be allowed to come there to see Dolores.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ John Karpavicz

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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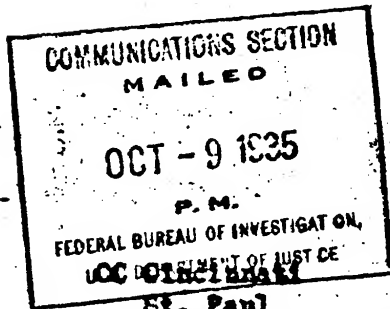
RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of October 1,  
1935, in which you request to be informed whether it would  
be advisable to permit John Karpavics, the father of Alvin  
Karpis, to visit Dolores Delaney at the United States  
Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, in the near future.

Please be advised that the Bureau sees no objection  
to the granting of permission to John Karpavics to visit Dolores  
Delaney, provided the Detroit Office uses all precautions to  
maintain a complete surveillance of said parties during the  
course of the interview, so that the Bureau will be fully  
advised as to the important features of the conversation.  
The Bureau feels that every effort should be made by the  
Detroit Office to be fully informed of the details of the  
conversation between John Karpavics and Dolores Delaney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-30-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-28-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. F. Emrich</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Attorney Joseph O. Ewing, Atlanta, admitted representing William E. Meade on several occasions but claims he has not seen or heard from him since about 1930 or 1931. Attorney Ewing was informed that Meade was being sought by this Bureau in connection with instant case and was likewise informed of the fact that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were under Federal indictment and were fugitives from Justice. An Identification Order on each of the above mentioned subjects was furnished to Attorney Ewing on this date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, August 15, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</u></p> <p>On September 28, 1935, Agent accompanied by Special Agent Robert C. Hendon interviewed Attorney Joseph O. Ewing at his office in the Peters Building, Atlanta, Georgia, and he stated that he had never actually represented William E. Meade in the court room, but that he had been approached by Meade and had made arrangements for Meade so that he could be released on bond pending trial. Attorney Ewing stated that to the best of his knowledge it was approximately in the year 1923 when Meade and his wife were living in Atlanta, Georgia; that both were arrested by the Police Department of this City on a charge of Disorderly Conduct and Shop Lifting. At the time Meade approached Attorney Ewing and through him it was arranged that Meade and his wife be released on a</p>			
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bond but bond was forfeited by Meade. For this reason Attorney Ewing stated he never had an opportunity to represent him in any court trial on this occasion. He further stated that sometime later, he believes it was in about 1930 or 1931 he had met William E. Meade in Chicago, Illinois, at which time Meade informed him that he had just skipped out on a bond of \$10,000.00, returnable in Jacksonville, Florida on a con game charge. Ewing stated that he was not familiar with all the facts of the case at the present time but the purpose for which he was approached by Meade was that Meade wished him to go to Jacksonville, Florida, and see whether or not he could get a suspended sentence placed against him of the same nature as was placed against his confederate in this particular charge. Ewing stated that as he recalled, an attorney by the name of Myerson of Jacksonville, Florida, and some ex-city Judge in that city had represented Meade in the case and that after Meade had been placed under the \$10,000.00 bond, Meade had skipped out. Subsequent to his departure from Jacksonville, Meade's confederate who was indicted for the same offense was brought to trial and received a suspended sentence. Ewing, according to the request of Meade, approached the Judge of the Federal Court in Florida, whose name he believed to be Judge Stromm, and asked whether or not he could get a suspended sentence for Meade. However, the Judge declined this primarily due to the fact that Meade had forfeited his bond. Attorney Ewing informed Agent that he believed the \$10,000.00 had been paid in by the parties who had signed the bond for Meade but that he was not positive of this fact.

Attorney Ewing denied knowing any definite information whatsoever relative to the present whereabouts of William E. Meade and stated that he had neither seen nor heard from him since the last time he was contacted by him in Chicago. However, he stated that he believed Postal Inspector Graham, whom he had seen very recently, is in receipt of more information concerning this man. He stated that he had informed Graham that he had heard Meade was at the present time living in Chicago, Illinois, some place on Sheridan Road.

At the same time Agents questioned Attorney Ewing relative to William E. Meade, he was informed by them that Meade was being sought by the Federal Government and it was requested of him that he immediately notify the Bureau in the event he should receive any information as to his whereabouts. He was likewise informed in very definite terms that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, and that both of these parties were at the present time fugitives from Justice. In addition, a copy of Identification Order # 1218 and Identification Order # 1236 were furnished to him and it was requested that he keep these so that he would notify the Bureau if either of the subjects attempted to contact him in the future. It is noted here that this information relative to Karpis and Campbell was given to Attorney Ewing due to the fact that he has the reputation of handling the criminal cases for fugitives so that in the future he may not be able to avail himself of the defense that he had no knowledge concerning the fact that these two men were under indictment and were being sought as fugitives from Justice.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Jacksonville Office will attempt to ascertain the full name and location of Attorney Myerson who is mentioned in the body of this report as having represented William E. Meade in Jacksonville, Florida, and will question him as well as any others that it may be ascertained represented him in that case, relative to any recent information they may have as to the whereabouts of William E. Meade.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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September 27, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Francis Connors, Chicago News, called with reference to the Willie Harrison story and I told him that the Director had indicated to me that the story would not be released today.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
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Post Office Box 4907,  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al - Edward George  
Bremer, Victim; KIDNAPING, etc.

As of interest to the Bureau, I am  
enclosing a clipping taken from the Miami (Florida)  
Daily News under date of September 25, 1935. This is  
in connection with the prosecutions of defendants in  
Miami on charges of having harbored Fugitive Karpis.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
cc St. Paul  
Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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From the  
Miami (Florida)  
Daily News of  
September 25, 1935

## TRIAL OF ADAMS AS KARPIS AID HELD UNLIKELY

### Government Case Against Miami Man Declared Too Weak

By FRANK A. KENNEDY  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The department of justice is reluctant to proceed against Joe Adams of Miami, who was indicted on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis last spring.

This conviction was expressed here today by attorneys familiar with the case, but who declined the use of their names. The Daily News informants were not connected with the justice department.

According to the legal view, the government realizes its case is weak and is unprepared to go to trial at the fall term of federal court in Miami. It was indicated a continuance will be asked, or the case will be nolle prossed outright.

Weakness of the government's case was based on the proposition that federal prosecutors must prove conclusively that Adams was aware of the gangster chieftain's identity and possessed actual knowledge that Karpis was a fugitive from federal justice. It was stressed that no federal agent had placed Adams on knowledge that Karpis was in Miami, and that no evidence was at hand showing the gangster to have been secretive in his movements before his flight from Miami.

The Daily News informants also expressed the view the government is embarrassed with the manner in which the Adams indictments were drawn. They pointed out that the charges were not prepared under the recent statutes expressly prepared to break up racketeering, but under a law 100 years old, originally intended to restrict the importation of slaves. It was said successful prosecutions under this statute have been extremely rare. Every element of circumstantial evidence must be proven conclusively.

From other sources it was learned several investigators of the justice department here reported separately upon the Adams case and each expressed the opinion that insufficient evidence existed.

Special prosecutors of the department declined to comment on the case today.

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*Miami Daily News 9-25-35*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
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TO: ☒ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Division Three

Mr. Edwards  
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The Criminal Division is evidently spouting off.

E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

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 Miss Gandy .....  
*Mr. Nathan*

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DIRECTOR

PHK PHONE BREKID LAKESIDE INN, FOUR MILES EAST OF WINDSOR  
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 AS RENDEZVOUS CLUB. DISCREET INQUIRY TODAY SHOWS NOTHING TO  
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 WHO CLAIMS TO KNOW KARPIS AND WILL PROMOTE INTEREST OUR INFORMANT.  
 WILL RETURN TO TOLEDO TOMORROW ABOUT NOON ALSO WILL HAVE FIVE AGENTS  
 RETURN TO CHICAGO TOMORROW. REGISTERED FORT SHELBY HOTEL, DETROIT,  
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*Copy to Mr. Nathan*

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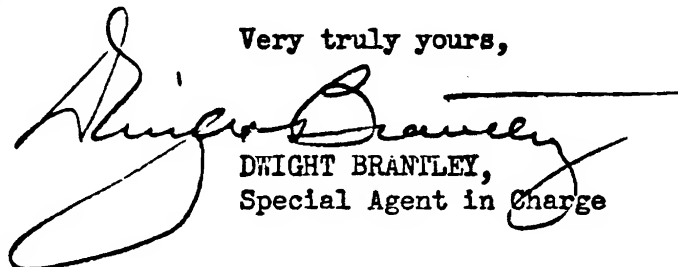
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Gardner told Mr. Kitchin that he desires an agent accompany him on this trip which will require approximately four or five days and that he believes we would be interested in view of the likelihood of obtaining information as to Karpis and Campbell.

I informed Agent Kitchin that I viewed, with some suspicion, the proposition put to him by Gardner, but that I would take it up with the Bureau officials and inform him of the Bureau's decision. I therefore called Mr. Tamm, who stated that the Bureau would not authorize an agent to accompany Gardner on such a trip but that if Gardner or any of the persons named by him furnished the Bureau information concerning Karpis and Campbell they would be adequately compensated.

I very promptly contacted Mr. Kitchin and told him to inform Mr. Gardner accordingly.

Very truly yours,



DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Application of OLIVER BERG  
for Reduction in Sentence.

Reference is made to the teletype message from the St. Paul Office dated September 28, 1935, requesting that either Special Agent R. D. Brown or Special Agent John Madala furnish information to the St. Paul Office to be presented to Judge M. M. Joyce regarding Berg and his criminal antecedents.

In keeping with your request, at about 2:40 on September 28, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, of the Chicago Office, at which time he informed me that Agent Brown was then in the office preparing such a statement for the use of Judge Joyce in St. Paul. I also requested Mr. Ladd to communicate with Mr. Connelley, in order that Mr. Connelley might have Special Agent Madala furnish a memorandum to the effect that Oliver Berg had told him, Madala, that he, Berg, had killed two men.

For your information, the requested information was prepared by the Chicago Office in detail and furnished to the St. Paul Office, in proper time, a copy of which letter was transmitted to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ATLANTA

October 3, 1935

MAKE EVERY EFFORT APPREHEND WILLIAM E. MEADE AT HOTEL IN SAVANNAH

HOOVER

*Edward G. Bremer*

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
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Mr. Foxworth	.....
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

K. C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-2-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-19, 20-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. A. DIETZ</b> <span style="float: right;">SW</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; Et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Bobby Kerrigan, unknown at Hutchinson, Kansas. Dorris Kerrigan of Omaha, Nebraska, taken into custody on 7-22-34, at Hutchinson, Kansas, but not fingerprinted or photographed before being released, answers description of Bobby Kerrigan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. J. Blake, Dallas, Texas, dated 9-3-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Agent contacted Chief of Police Louis D. White and Captain of Police Sloan, at Hutchinson, Kansas, and a complete search of all their criminal records was searched for a person by the name of Bobby Kerrigan, but with negative results. A complete search of the names of all known prostitutes and persons who had been known to frequent such places was made. The city directory was searched for the past five years as was the telephone directory, likewise without results. Neither of these men could recall the names of any women who corresponded with that of Bobby Kerrigan.</p> <p>It is to be noted that Chief of Police White is personally well acquainted with Subject Karpis, inasmuch as he was an employee of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory during the time that Karpis was serving time at that institution. He stated that he had frequent contact with him and that it was very likely that Karpis had picked up with some girl that he had become acquainted with during his stay around Hutchinson. Chief White further advised that he was attempting to obtain an informant through some of the inmates that had served with Karpis, in order to learn his present whereabouts. He likewise stated that he expected to contact a man, who was at the present time in Arkansas,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Smith</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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who would be able to give some valuable information regarding Karpis. Chief White stated that as soon as he contacted this man he would immediately notify the Kansas City Bureau office in order that the Bureau might deal with him.

Agent likewise contacted [REDACTED] in an effort to establish the identity of Bobby Kerrigan, [REDACTED] but a search of his files proved fruitless. b7d

Sheriff Allison advised Agent that he nor none of his men knew a person by the name of Bobby Kerrigan, although it was learned from a search of their files that one Dorris Kerrigan had been picked up on July 22, 1934, by Alvin Stuckey, who at the present time is with the Hutchinson Police Department, she having been abandoned by her boy friend and left in Hutchinson. This individual had stayed at the Hutchinson County Jail until she received money from her family in Omaha, Nebraska. No charge was placed against her and she was not fingerprinted nor photographed.

The following is her description as obtained from the records of the Sheriff's Office, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Name	Dorris Kerrigan
Age	22
Height	5 Ft. 3 In.
Weight	132
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Address	4548 North 14th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

Officer Alvin Stuckey, Hutchinson Police Department, advised Agent that he had picked up Dorris Kerrigan on the above mentioned date when she was abandoned without funds by a boy friend of hers whose name she could not recall; that he had taken her to the County Jail and that she had phoned from there for money, and had been allowed to remain there until she received this money. He stated that she was a rather pretty girl but that she impressed him as being a girl who would pick up with anyone who would furnish her with a livelihood. No further information was obtainable from this officer.

Agent contacted Ben L. Jones at the Santa Fe Railroad Station, where he is employed as a Special Agent of that railroad, he having been the former Captain of Detectives at Hutchinson, and the source of much valuable information, and was advised that he did not know of any person by the name of Bobby Kerrigan, but that would make a diligent effort to ascertain whether or not she had ever lived in that city under that name and would immediately notify the Kansas City Bureau office of any information which he might obtain.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
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BREKID REURTEL YESTERDAY REFERRING MEEKINS REPORT SEPTEMBER NINTH COMPANY HERE AND DAYTONA BEACH MADE EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH LOCATE TELEGRAM DELIVERED WEAVER THROUGH DRUG STORE PORT ORANGE DURING FEBRUARY MONTH IN WHICH WALDRON DRUG STORE PORT ORANGE CLAIMS DELIVERED TELEGRAM TO WEAVER STOP MANAGER WUO HERE SUGGESTS COURT ORDER IN EVENT DESIRE SEARCH NOVEMBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO TIME APPREHENDED STOP ADVISE WHETHER SEARCH THIS PERIOD DESIRED CONTEMPLATE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING SUCH ORDER HERE

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CHARGE GOVT RATE  
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*Ed. Young*  
*per.*



RBD:SLH

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--I.O.#1218,  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING, etc.

Reference is made to your letter of the 27th instant requesting certain evidence and data in connection with the prosecution of this case at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Jacksonville office does not have custody or possession of the pocketbook belonging to Kate Barker in which the sum of \$10,000.00 was found at Oklawaha, Florida. This pocketbook, together with other personal effects of the Barkers found at Oklawaha, Florida, was on March 7, 1935, in accordance with Bureau instructions, forwarded to the Judge of Probate, L. E. Futch, at Ocala, Florida. This property, we have learned, has been turned over to administrators for the estate of the Barkers, who carried same presumably to Joplin, Missouri, about September 24, 1935. George Barker is administrator for this estate, which is carried in the probate court at Joplin, Missouri.

The original Western-Union telegram dated December 29, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, and signed "Cash", is believed to be presently in custody and control of the Clerk of the United States Court at Miami, Florida, it having been secured by a court order. Agent B. F. Fitzsimons at Miami is being requested to inquire into this and to determine whether or not, under the circumstances, the Clerk at Miami will forward same to St. Paul. You will be advised.

Agent Fitzsimons is also being instructed to immediately check up to ascertain the necessary witnesses to be subpoenaed from the Pan American Airways in Miami to produce passenger records and other data pertaining to trips of Cassius McDonald, William J. Harrison and Alvin Karpis between Miami and Cuba.

I am enclosing herewith all of the registration cards which were obtained from the El Comodoro Hotel showing registrations of these subjects. You will note that a number of these cards have been forwarded to the Bureau for handwriting comparisons in the Technical Laboratory and attached to these are proper identifying labels placed thereon in the Laboratory, which should not be removed.

Included with these registration cards will be found two original registrations of W. M. Heller at the El Comodoro Hotel, together with the extensions made by the hotel of the other original registrations. This latter group of cards has not been out of custody of the Jacksonville Bureau

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office. The bell boy records and Arrival and Departure Book of the El Comodore Hotel, it seems, are presently in possession of the United States Attorney at Miami. Agent Fitzsimons is making inquiry to locate these records to arrange for their being forwarded to the St. Paul Bureau office.

Regarding the personal property taken from subject Cassius McDonald at the time of his arrest in Florida, please be advised that the two small zipper brief cases, together with contents, were in custody of the United States Attorney at Miami and it is believed that they have been turned back to McDonald. Photostatic copies, however, were made of the contents of these cases and I am sending them herewith. You will note that photostats are included of an unused portion of a Pan American plane trip, as well as a Cuban Immigration card. Agent Fitzsimons is being requested to definitely ascertain if these items have been returned to McDonald, and also to ascertain if a receipt was given by him to the United States Attorney at the time they were surrendered to him, McDonald.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter taken from the Jacksonville file prepared by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson at Miami, Florida, dated February 10, 1935, which was used in forwarding to the Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. W. Sanders Gramling, at Miami, Florida, the property found in the possession of Cassius McDonald, which he voluntarily surrendered at the time of his arrest.

As soon as Agent Fitzsimons at Miami has been able to secure the other data desired by the St. Paul office and not incorporated in this letter, it will be forwarded at once.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
Kansas City  
Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Agent Fitzsimons, Miami

Enclosures  
Jax #7-24

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 2, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Penna. Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

A review of the files in the Pittsburgh Office indicates that photographs of the following individuals are contained therein:

FRED BARKER  
ARTHUR R. BARKER  
HARRY CAMPBELL  
ALVIN KARPIS  
VOLNEY DAVIS  
PAULA HARMON  
BOBBIE MOORE  
KATE BARKER  
TOMMY CARROLL  
CURLY CLAUSE  
TED BENTZ

ED BENTZ  
MRS. ED BENTZ  
EDNA MURRAY  
MIKE BOND  
DORIS O'CONNOR  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON  
WILLIAM WEAVER  
CASSIUS M. McDONALD  
MYRTLE EATON  
HARRY SAWYER  
ERNIE LaSALLE

The Pittsburgh file contains, in addition, group photographs of VOLNEY DAVIS, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL; JOSEPH P. MORAN, WILLIAM WEAVER, RUSSELL GIBSON, JESSE DOYLE, HARRY SAWYER; and J. C. FITZGERALD, MYRTLE EATON, EDNA MURRAY, DORIS O'CONNOR, and KATE BARKER.

It contains also negatives of the photographs of FRED BARKER, ARTHUR R. BARKER, and ALVIN KARPIS; copies of enlarged snapshots of MR. & MRS. BYRON BOLTON and photographs of HARRY SAWYER and GLADYS SAWYER.

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The Pittsburgh Office has no photographs of the following individuals:

JAMES J. WILSON	OLIVER A. BERG
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN	BRUNO PUTIS
WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER	MATTHEW GLEASON
PHILIP J. DELANEY	JOSEPH H. ADAMS
JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN	DUKE RANDALL
ELMER FARMER	NATHANIEL H. HELLER
HAROLD V. ALLDERTON	EDWARD GEORGE BREMER

It is suggested that this office be furnished, if available, with at least two copies of the photographs of the persons last mentioned, unless it is the desire of the Bureau that each Agent be furnished with a photograph, in which event twenty copies are desired.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. Fierstone*  
C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

KRM:CSH

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November 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1215, et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your request for numerous  
photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

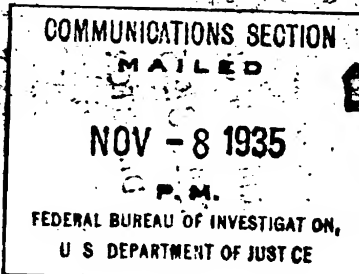
The Bureau feels that, in view of the fact that  
all investigation has been completed with regard to all  
of the persons whose photographs were requested, there will  
be no necessity for furnishing you with photographs of any  
of these individuals except Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Accordingly,  
I am transmitting herewith twenty copies of the photograph  
of Dr. Moran.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 826328.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



Mr. Tolson.....  
 Mr. Baughman.....  
 Chief Clerk.....  
 Mr. Clegg.....  
 Mr. Coffey.....  
 Mr. Edwards.....  
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 Mr. Schilder.....  
 Mr. Tamm.....  
 Mr. Tracy.....  
 Miss Gandy.....

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FBI DETROIT

OCTOBER 1, 1935

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PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS SURVEILLANCE TOLEDO WHICH INDICATE  
PLAN CONTACT WILL BE MADE OR THAT THESE PARTIES ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT  
WITH SUBJECT. WILL PROCEED TO CHICAGO ELEVEN PM TONIGHT TO CHECK  
DEVELOPMENTS WITH INFORMANT THERE BREKID, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN  
WEYNAP PRELIMINARY TO PROCEEDING LOUISVILLE FOR STOLLNAP OCTOBER 6,  
 1935. I WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL DEVELOPMENTS AND  
 WILL PROCEED TO TOLEDO OR ELSEWHERE WHEN DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT SUCH  
 ACTION. AGENTS AT TOLEDO CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 2, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerbst, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. H. Eckholdt.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the following letters from  
your office:

Letter dated September 17, 1935, transmitting an original  
letter from Arthur Barker, #46928, to G. E. Barker, dated  
September 15, 1935.

Letter dated September 20, 1935, transmitting a typewritten  
copy of a letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from  
Helen Conliff.

Letter dated September 23, 1935, transmitting typewritten  
copies of letters received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from  
Blanche Brabaut and Helen Conliff.

Letter dated September 23, 1935, transmitting typewritten  
copy of a letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Helen  
Conliff.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this and other matters have  
been greatly appreciated, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

AJN/sw  
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cc-Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI ATLANTA 10-2-35 EFE:G

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC CHICAGO

BREKID

PHONE./ JOSEPH PETER DOWLING REGISTERED DE SOTO HOTEL SAVANNAH SEPTEMBER

24 TO 30 AS J. P. DOWNEY. LENTZ REGISTERED SAVANNAH HOTEL FROM SEPTEMBER

25 TO 30 AS JACK LANCE. BOTH LEFT WITHOUT PAYING BILL AND LEAVING BAGGAGE.

ONE KIELY OWNER BO-PEEP GAMBLING HOUSE SAVANNAH VERY FRIENDLY TO BOTH CALLED

HOTELS STATING THEY WOULD RETURN FOR BAGGAGE THIS FRIDAY. ONE MEADE AND MRS.

MEAD REGISTERED AT DE SOTO HOTEL FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO 26 OCCUPYING ONE ROOM.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER WILLIAM E. MEADE.

ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AS TO LENTZ AND DOWLING. IF

LOCATED.

RORER

END

CC: Bureau ✓  
CC: Cincinnati  
CC: St. Paul

*Edward J. Brennan*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218 et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

For approximately a period of eight months Special Agent S. S. Rubenstein of this office has been maintaining contact with ARTHUR P. BURDETTE alias ARTIE alias ART BURDETTE, the latter two being nicknames.

Burdette is a brother of WYONA BURDETTE, who is now at the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan. Burdette has known KARPIS and CAMPBELL for a number of years and at various times has imparted information regarding them.

Recently Burdette moved to 536 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where he is residing with his wife. Inasmuch as there has been a recent reward offered by the Bureau for information leading to the arrest of KARPIS and CAMPBELL, it is suggested that an Agent of the Philadelphia Office call upon Arthur Burdette and advise him of this reward. Burdette has been in financial straits for the past several years and it is believed that knowledge of this reward may act as an incentive to him to try to obtain information as to the whereabouts of KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

Burdette is not to be trusted completely but the idea of a reward may have the desired effect.

Very truly yours,

C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS OCTOBER 2 1935

5 P.M.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
412 U S COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE BLDG  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

BREKID REFERENCE REPORT OF AGENT MEEKINS SEPTEMBER NINTH THIS YEAR MAKE VIGOROUS  
EFFORT TO LOCATE LARGARLAIS DELIVERED WEAVER THROUGH DRUGSTORE PORT ORANGE LAST  
WINTER EXPEDITE .

CONNELLY

SKM:LM  
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CC: Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon  
September 28, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218 et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 14, 1935, addressed to Mr. J. K. Kenneson, 3419 - 17th Avenue, South, Seattle, Washington, in the above-entitled case, your file number 7-576.

Please be advised that Special Agent W. K. Bowling has conducted investigation at 3419 - 17th Avenue, South, Seattle, Washington; but was unable to locate Mr. Kenneson. Agent Bowling, however, did locate Mrs. A. M. Wingate, a woman possibly 70 years of age, who upon interview advised that her grandson, J. K. Kenneson, who resides at 707 or 407 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is 18 years of age, came to Seattle about two weeks ago. Kenneson told Mrs. Wingate that he had come from the East with a caravan of new cars driven West, and also told her that he was now employed by the Government as a "G" man. Kenneson remained with Mrs. Wingate until Monday, September 23, 1935, when he disappeared, and she has not heard from him since. Mrs. Wingate believes that Kenneson has returned to his home in Pennsylvania; as when he appeared in Seattle a couple of weeks ago, he brought no clothes with him, which she thought very strange. She thought, however, that he was just a boy full of wild ideas, and paid little attention to what he had to say.

Mrs. Wingate further advised Agent Bowling that J. K. Kenneson's father is one, Charles Kenneson, a jeweler presently employed by the A. W. Gholson jewelry company at Henderson, North Carolina, and that her daughter, the mother of J. K. Kenneson, was at the family home, 707 or 407 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Agent Bowling was unable to develop information that J. K. Kenneson had represented himself as a federal officer or "G" man to anyone other than his grandmother.

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In this connection, your attention is invited to a letter dated September 13, 1935, Portland, Oregon, in the above entitled case, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio. You will note therein that a memorandum of Agent Bowling's was quoted concerning one John Kenneson of 407 South Queen Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who is undoubtedly identical with the Kenneson to whom you addressed your letter of September 14, 1935. There being no indication that Kenneson is now in this territory, no further effort is being made by this office to locate him.

Very truly yours,

  
C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HAK:FGD  
7-24

cc Cincinnati  
Philadelphia  
St. Paul  
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F B I CHICAGO 10-2-35 12-52 PM FVV  
DIRECTOR  
SAC ATLANTA  
SAC BOSTON

PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE TELETYPE INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF  
LOCATING JOSEPH PETER DOWLING AND LENTZ ON OCTOBER 4, 1935. NO  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE FILE INDICATING THEY ARE WANTED. HOWEVER  
INQUIRY IS FOR PURPOSE LOCATING AND APPREHENDING WILLIAM E. MEADE.

CONNELLEY

END  
WASH PCB  
ATLA ✓

DOWLING AND MAN BELIEVED TO BE WILLIAM E. MEADE NOW REGISTERED AT HOTEL  
IN SAVANNAH ADVISE JV

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F B I CHICAGO 10-3-35 12-31 AM FVV

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS TODAY INDICATING WHEN CONTACT WILL  
BE MADE WITH [REDACTED] OUR INFORMANT. CHECK ON JOHN KARPAVICZ  
INDICATES EXPENSIVE BABY FURNITURE FOR CHILD PURCHASED SEPTEMBER  
14, 1935 AND FATHER APPARENTLY IN POSSESSION CONSIDERABLE READY CASH.

CONNELLEY

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NOTE: When signing off  
the Atlanta office interposed:

"DOWLING AND MAN BELIEVED TO  
BE WILLIAM E. MEADE NOW  
REGISTERED AT HOTEL IN  
SAVANNAH. ADVISE.", as  
indicated on attached teletype

P.C. BRINES,  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

WEG:GJR

September 30, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you that during the months of July and August, 1935, a total of \$1,252.88 was spent by Special Agents of the Bureau for regular air travel and \$4,091.49 was spent for chartered planes. Included in the latter amount was one expenditure for \$1,868.43 for the plane that was chartered at Jacksonville for the transportation of William Weaver to St. Paul.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 1, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218, FUG. et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of  
September 19, 1935 (7-576) to the Jacksonville office re-  
lating to disposition of certain property of WILLIAM WEAVER  
and MYRTLE EATON.

The property described in letter to this  
office from the Jacksonville office dated September 24, 1935  
was received and delivered to the United States Marshal at  
Saint Paul. A copy of his receipt therefor is hereto attached.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
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Saint Paul, Minnesota

September 27, 1935

Received of Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building, Saint Paul,  
Minnesota, the following monies which were found in the  
possession of WILLIAM WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON when they were  
apprehended at their home in the vicinity of Allandale,  
Florida, on September 1, 1935, by Agents of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation:

Found in possession of WILLIAM WEAVER:

1 pocketbook containing \$555.00  
(pocketbook also enclosed)

Found in pocketbook of MYRTLE EATON: 347.32

Located below and behind the dresser  
drawer in one of the bedrooms in the  
house occupied by WEAVER and EATON: 100.00

Undetermined amount of cash in a small  
bank marked "Bobbie Osborne"

Also located in Weaver's house near  
Allandale, Florida, in dimes: 5.00

ST. PAUL, MINN.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 30 1935
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JOHN J. FARRELL,  
U. S. MARSHAL

*By S. J. Pichas*  
*Chief Deputy*

7-576-7570

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
October 3, 1935.

OTJ/ML

Director,  
Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1252-1, et al;  
GEORGE MEYERHAUSER, Victim  
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to teletype messages from the Portland office on  
October 1 and 2, 1935, in the above entitled case.

In this connection, attention is invited to my confidential letter  
to the Bureau under date of September 28, 1935, entitled Alvin Karpis, w.a.  
I. O. 1218, Fugitive; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, w.a. fugitive, I.O. 1232, Edward  
George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, concerning the situation in Mexico relative  
to the location of fugitives in connection with the Karpis and Dainard cases.

In order that the offices making requests and the Bureau may fully  
understand the situation relative to possibilities of successful checks being  
made of any American entering Mexico from the United States, the following  
facts are submitted:

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The principal border ports in the San Antonio District are El Paso,  
Eagle Pass, Laredo, and Brownsville, Texas.

The Mexican government has for the past year instituted a campaign  
to obtain all of the tourist business possible. They have recently completed  
automobile highways in the Republic and taking their cue from Cuba they are  
offering every inducement for tourist travel. At the present time an American  
may obtain a tourist card permitting him to enter Mexico through any of the  
border ports and remain in the Republic as long as six months, entering, of course  
as a tourist. All this card bears is his name, home address, business or occupa-  
tion, and a very brief physical description. No photograph is required.  
These cards may be obtained from any Mexican Consulate in the United States,  
at the time the tourist specifies what port of entry he intends entering the  
Republic. The American Immigration or Customs authorities have nothing what-  
ever to do with Americans traveling to Mexico. They are not even questioned  
and there is no record whatever made at the border of their departure. If the  
tourist is traveling by train he can enter Mexico in the San Antonio District  
at Eagle Pass, Laredo, or Brownsville. At the time of entry the train is  
boarded on the Mexican side by Mexican Immigration and Customs authorities.  
The tourist is required to remain on the train, his tourist card is examined,  
and a brief record is made by the Mexican Immigration authorities from this card.  
It is then stamped with a rubber stamp by the Immigration authorities showing  
the tourist as "admitted." The card is then returned to the traveler.

In the case of train entries at Eagle Pass and Brownsville, Texas, a

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record is kept by the Mexican Immigration authorities on the Mexican side. This data consists of the data that was on the tourist card. This is supposed to be filed alphabetically, however, from past experience in checking it was found that the Mexican authorities are sometimes many weeks behind in filing these cards and they are filed by dates instead of by individual names.

In the case of travel by train through the port of Laredo, Texas, the Mexican Immigration authorities board the train at Laredo and in order not to delay the train conduct their inspection work between Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and Monterrey, Mexico. Monterrey is the capital of the State of Nuevo Leon and is located 120 miles below the border.

The records taken from the cards of tourists entering through the port of Laredo by train are filed in the office of the Immigration Service at Monterrey, Mexico. It is conservatively estimated that 90% of the travel to the interior of Mexico, both by train and automobile, is through the port of Laredo, Texas, consequently, in order to check the tourist cards covering travel through that port it will be necessary to make this check at Monterrey, Mexico. As before stated, these records are supposed to be filed alphabetically at Monterrey.

In entering Mexico by automobile, in addition to obtaining a tourist card the traveler must bond his automobile at the Bonding Office on the Mexican side of the border. The fee varies according to the model and value of the car and the length of time the tourist intends to remain in Mexico.

If, for instance, the tourist indicates a period of 30 days the car must be checked back into the United States through the same port of entry within the 30 day period and the bond cancelled. In case of default the bond is forfeited to the Mexican government and it is up to the Bonding Company to locate the car in Mexico and if located it is subject to seizure by the Mexican government as smuggled merchandise.

It is not a difficult problem to check travel into Mexico by automobile as the bonding records are kept fairly accurate.

In the matter of checking as to whether or not Dr. Jos. P. Moran, fugitive, I. O. 1232, mentioned in my letter of reference, and William Larnard, and his supposed to be companion Edward Ellis, entered Mexico, and without any definite information as to what aliases they may have used, or if they traveled by automobile and a description of the car used, the only check possible would be to check the known aliases of these men against the tourist card and automobile bonding records.

It is to be realized that this is a difficult proposition and will take the time of at least four agents for two or three days with little chance of any information worth while of being developed.

Director,

October 3, 1935.

Hundreds of Identification Orders on Dainard and Moran have been placed in the hands of the American Immigration and Customs authorities on the American side and I have personally seen that every border patrolman of these two services has been personally furnished with copies of these Identification Orders.

The only air travel from the San Antonio District to Mexico and South American countries is via the Pan American Air Ways from Brownsville, Texas. It will not be a difficult matter to check this mode of travel through that port. Four Agents are at the present time assigned and are actively making the check outlined herein at the ports of Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, and Brownsville, Texas, covering train, automobile, and air plane travel.

To show what we are up against in making this check it is conservatively estimated that the American tourist travel into Mexico through the port of Laredo, Texas, alone during the months of June and July was over 20,000. This travel of course was due to the Rotary International and Lions International conventions held in Mexico City during those months.

Under the laws of Mexico an American, or any other foreigner, who establishes a domicile in Mexico must register with the "Presidente Municipal" or "Mayor" of the district in which he resides and the Mexican authorities have the right to question any foreigner and if he can not show a tourist card indicating that he is in Mexico as a tourist for a temporary period he must then depart from the country or register as a foreigner who has established a residence in that country. The foreigners who establish a residence must file with the Presidente Municipal a card bearing their photograph, physical description, and fingerprints. This record is in triplicate. One copy is maintained in the office of the Presidente Municipal, one copy is sent to the capitol of the State, and one copy is sent to Mexico City. This would appear to be a simple record to check up foreigners who have established a domicile in Mexico, however, from actual experience, it has developed that the central office of the Immigration Service in Mexico City has not as yet established a filing system to properly record these records and it is a very difficult proposition to ascertain if any certain individual has registered as a domiciled foreigner in the Republic. Of course, if it is known in what municipality the individual resided it is quite possible that the records of the Presidente Municipal in that district are in such shape that an accurate check could be made.

In other words, it appears that the Central Government in Mexico City is depending upon the different heads of the municipalities to keep this record and to enforce the provisions of the law pertaining thereto.

Any foreigner found in Mexico without a tourist permit card or a domiciled foreigner's registration card is subject to deportation by the Mexican Immigration authorities or if found with a tourist permit card that has been ob-



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tained through fraud, that is, by giving an assumed name, or a domiciled foreigner's registration card that has been obtained through fraud in the same manner that individual is also subject to deportation under the Mexican Immigration laws.

If the offense for which Dr. Moran and Dainard are indicted in the United States comes within the treaty provisions between the United States and Mexico, I do not think any great difficulty would be experienced in bringing about their extradition if they are located and apprehended in Mexico. If the offense does not come within the treaty and they are located in Mexico and have in their possession a tourist or foreigner's registration card that has been obtained under an assumed name, it is believed that arrangements could be made for their deportation by the Mexican Immigration authorities.

It is the humble judgment of the writer that if it is suspected that either Moran, Dainard, or any other notorious fugitive is thought to be in any certain section of Mexico, it would not be advisable for Special Agents of the Bureau to themselves conduct an inquiry in that section regarding the individual sought.

The writer has a standing arrangement with Mexican officials that would enable agents of this Bureau to at any time proceed to Mexico and conduct any investigation desired, however, the local situation is always such that there could be no assurance that the individuals sought would not be tipped off by local Mexican officials or some other person contacted if it became known that an American officer, and especially an agent from this Bureau, was making inquiry concerning the particular individual.

It is believed that agents of this Bureau could go to Mexico and supervise such an investigation, however, the services of some trusted Mexican informants should be utilized, under suitable pretext, to make the actual inquiries looking to the location of the particular individual sought. An agent could of course visit the locality, under cover, using some suitable pretext, and identify the individual. After he is located and when such identification is thought to be positive, I am sure that arrangements could be made to cause the person's temporary detention and his fingerprints taken in order to establish positive identification. When this is done then either extradition proceedings could be instituted or the proper cooperation could be obtained from the Mexican Immigration authorities to handle the individual as being in Mexico in violation of the Immigration Laws of that country.

If an agent should locate a wanted fugitive in Mexico and obtain a signed waiver from the fugitive it would be a dangerous proceeding to attempt to travel across the Republic of Mexico to the United States with the fugitive and without the knowledge or consent of the Mexican Government. It might not only bring about diplomatic representations to the United States from Mexico but there would be the possibility of the actual arrest of the agent and in a case of that kind it would possibly prevent any further operations in Mexico

Director,

October 3, 1935.

by agents of the Bureau.

In view of the many requests received from Bureau offices relative to fugitives entering Mexico, it is thought advisable to go into details concerning the situation as outlined along the Mexican border and in Mexico.

As mentioned in my letter of reference concerning Dr. Jos. P. Moran, I believe that the services of one or more trusted Mexican informants can be obtained by the writer to assist any agents who it may be desirable to send to Mexico in connection with matters outlined herein.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Portland-2  
cc Chicago-2  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago-1

AIR MAIL

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Post Office Box #2544  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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October 2, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at Ninth St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

OCT 2 1935

Dear Sir:

Attention is respectfully invited to your communication of July 16th last, advising concerning an inquiry being conducted by the New York City Office as to the possible source of machine guns and other types of weapons which have been rebuilt or have number removed, duplicated, and the like, and making inquiry concerning a .351 calibre Winchester Rifle, expertly converted into an Automatic Rifle, found in a raid conducted at Warwick, Rhode Island several months ago, by Post Office Inspectors, resulting in the capture of Carl Rettich, John McGlone, Charles Harrigan, Thomas Dugan, Herbert Hornstein, and Joseph Fisher, in connection with a mail robbery of \$129,000, which occurred at Fall River, Massachusetts.

Transmitted herewith will be found copies of report of C. J. Van Amburgh of the Bureau of Ballistics, Massachusetts State Police, dated May 6, 1935, reporting concerning Winchester Automatic Rifle, .22 calibre, equipped with a silencer, and the .351 calibre Rifle in question, together with an inventory of all of the firearms that were seized by the Post Office Inspectors at Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of this report is also being transmitted to New York City Office together with a copy of this letter.

Through the courtesy of Mr. John J. Breslin, Post Office Inspector in Charge, Boston, Massachusetts, and the permission of Honorable Francis J. W. Ford, United States Attorney at Boston, the writer has obtained a loan of these two rifles and they are being shipped today to the Bureau, under Government Bill-of-Lading J-69415, by Railway Express.

A copy of this communication is enclosed in the box containing the Rifles, in order that the Laboratory may identify them upon their receipt.

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Post Office Inspector in Charge, Breslin has been furnished a receipt for these Rifles, by the writer, having a stipulation to the effect that the Rifles will be returned to him in their present condition, immediately after they have served their purpose at the Technical Laboratory. While the defendants in this case have been sentenced and are incarcerated, an appeal is still pending and it is

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possible that the Rifles may be required subsequently as exhibits.

Attached to these Rifles will be found a tag, detailing the finding of the firearm, and it is requested that these tags be retained and properly attached when the guns are returned.

It is also respectfully requested that these Rifles be returned in proper order to this office as soon as the Technical Laboratory has completed its work, in order that they may be safely returned to Post Office Inspector in Charge Breslin.

The other firearms referred to in the inventory of guns seized are in the custody of Post Office Inspector in Charge Breslin at Boston.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKean

C. D. McKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Technical Lab. (Encs.)  
cc - New York  
WJW:KPL

KRM:TD

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October 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Detroit Office is requested to immediately obtain  
and furnish to the Bureau, recent photographs of Cassius  
McDonald.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
September 28, 1935.

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**AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. I.O. 1218  
Fugitive; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
w.a. Fugitive - I.O. 1212,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your confidential letter received last evening and concerning which I talked to Mr. Tamm over the telephone this morning, I think it advisable to give you some details concerning the situation in Mexico.

Your letter stated that Dr. Moran was thought to be at Guadalupe, Mexico, a small town in the mountains near Mexico City. There is no such town in Mexico. There is a small village named Guadalupe about twenty-five miles from Mexico City, however, it would be most improbable that an American would be in this village as there is no hotel, or a place where an American could stay. In fact all there is to the village is the Church of Guadalupe and the houses of native Indians who reside there.

I am constrained to believe that your letter refers to Guadalajara, the fourth largest city in Mexico, which is located some three hundred miles northwest of Mexico City.

As I mentioned to Mr. Tamm, I believe it should be immediately determined whether or not the offense for which Dr. Moran is indicted comes within the Extradition Treaty with Mexico. If it does not, then confidential arrangements will have to be made to have Moran deported from Mexico by the Immigration Service as an undesirable foreigner. The fact that, if located, Moran signs a waiver would not be sufficient to remove him across and out of the Republic of Mexico. Any Agent or Agents who attempted to do this would, no doubt, get in trouble with certain Mexican officials and result in the subject being released and destroy any chance of obtaining his deportation. If the offense is extraditable, I believe the matter can be successfully and expeditiously handled. If it is not, it will necessitate some diplomatic engineering to bring about his deportation under the Mexican Immigration Laws.

If the latter course is necessary the State Department and the Embassy in Mexico will probably have to be kept out of the picture, as it

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is my understanding that it is the policy of the State Department that they will not ask for the deportation of an American citizen from any foreign country. If it is determined that Moran is at Guadalajara, it is my judgment that a preliminary confidential investigation should be conducted by Agents without taking into their confidence over one or two certain high Mexican officials. It would be very dangerous to enlist the aid of any local officer in Guadalajara, in fact there are very few in Mexico at the present time who can be absolutely trusted in a matter of this kind.

If it is definitely determined that Moran is in Guadalajara, and after being personally observed by Agents, they are confident of his identity, I believe that arrangements could be made through Francisco P. Jimenez, Director of Immigration, Mexico City, to have him picked up by Immigration authorities, and if he does not possess a card showing him registered as a domiciled American in Mexico, or does not possess proper credentials showing his admission to Mexico (which, of course, he will not have if he entered under an assumed name), it is believed that an order for his deportation can be obtained and arrangements made that Agents of this Bureau can be present at the port through which he is deported and take him into custody. Great care must be taken in conducting the investigation to locate this man as there are so many chances of his being advised that inquiries are being made concerning him by Americans.

There will be no difficulty whatever in obtaining proper permission for Agents of this Bureau to visit Mexico City, Guadalajara, or any other point, in an attempt to locate and identify Moran. Of course, it should be taken into consideration that any inquiries to be made concerning this man should possibly be made by a Mexican. The situation is such in Mexico that if a strange American drops into any town and makes any inquiry concerning any American domiciled in that town the word quickly spreads. It is my judgment that this matter is of sufficient importance that the services of a confidential Mexican informant should be utilized, and in this connection I have in mind [redacted], whom I have used very successfully during the past fifteen years in Mexico, and in whom I place explicit trust. b7c b7d

[redacted] I do know that he would perform any service requested by me. I have ascertained that he is at the present time in San Antonio, Texas, and I know that he will accompany any Agent or Agents designated to Mexico City, or Guadalajara, and I believe that this man could positively locate Moran, or any other fugitive thought to be in that section, in a much quicker time and with less chance of a slip-up than any number of our Agents attempting to personally make the necessary inquiries themselves.

If Moran has any amount of money in his possession that is another thing that should be guarded against as there are very few minor officials in Mexico who would not "play ball" with him for a monetary consideration.

If Moran is to be located and successfully removed to the United States the matter will have to be handled with the greatest care.

I thought it advisable to furnish you at this time with this brief detailed statement concerning the situation in Mexico at the present time.

Very truly yours,

*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that Doctor Joseph P. Moran is presently residing in Guadalajara, Mexico. This information was communicated to Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office, who has advised that there is no town by the name of Guadalajara in Mexico. Mr. Jones has informed that there is a small village named Guadalupe about twenty-five miles from Mexico City, but that this town is very small and it is highly improbable that Doctor Moran may be located here. Mr. Jones has also informed that there is a town in Mexico known as Guadalajara, which is the fourth largest city in Mexico, located approximately three hundred miles northwest of Mexico City, Mexico. It is Mr. Jones' belief that this is probably the city to which [redacted] has reference.

In view of the apparent confusion which exists as to this matter, it is kindly requested that [redacted] be reinterviewed to secure all of the details with regard to this matter. It may be possible for [redacted] to obtain the exact name of the city in Mexico in which Doctor Moran is reported to be residing.

For the assistance of offices receiving copies of this letter, I am transmitting herewith copies of the letter from Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, of the San Antonio, Texas Office, dated September 28, 1935.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
San Antonio

OCT 7 1935  
P. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Baughman .....  
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Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

F B I CHICAGO      OCTOBER 3, 1935      11-53PM      FVV

DIRECTOR  
PHONE. BREKID. THERE HAS BEEN NO MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS TODAY AT  
CHICAGO OR TOLEDO AND USUAL CONTACTS AND SURVEILLANCES ARE BEING  
MAINTAINED.

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*copy to Mr. Tamm*

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Post Office Box 1887  
Charlotte, N. C.

October 4, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Penn. Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

About January 13, 1935, Special Agent T. M. McDade in company with other agents from the Chicago Office proceeded from Chicago, Illinois, to Jacksonville, Florida, to apprehend Fred and Kate Barker, subjects in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer. This trip was made by train and Agent McDade used a transportation request to purchase a compartment for himself and Agent S. K. McKee, and to accommodate firearms to be used by nine agents in the party.

In the audit of Agent McDade's expense voucher for January, 1935, the sum of \$6.50 was suspended because a compartment was used instead of two lower berths. Acting upon authority from the Bureau, Agent McDade submitted a special voucher in February, 1935, in the amount of \$6.50 to recover the amount expended for official business and was further advised that if the Comptroller General would not approve this voucher, the sum should be submitted as a confidential item, as the sole purpose of the compartment was to conceal firearms being transported by agents for their use.

Since the submission of this last voucher Agent McDade has not received payment of this item nor has he been informed whether the voucher was approved or disapproved.

It is respectfully requested that you determine the status of this voucher and inform this office accordingly.

Very truly yours,

TLM/fem

G. H. Lowdon,  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 30, 1935.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
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Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington

Time - 5:18 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley telephoned me from the Oklahoma City Office and said that he wanted to discuss with the Bureau a matter which had been called to his attention by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Harold Gardner, a lieutenant on the Tulsa Police Department, came to Agent Kitchin today and told him that during the course of certain investigation which the lieutenant has been conducting, a man by the name of M. Lawson, a convict in the Kansas State Penitentiary has made a statement to Gardner that he, Nelson Brooks (now in jail in Tulsa), Clary Ficklin, one Carpenter, Glenn Roy Wright and Harry Campbell, about three years ago robbed a jewelry store in Sedan, Kansas; that they committed three other robberies the same night, during the course of which they kidnaped and tied up the City Marshal. In January of 1933, the same gang robbed the Chevrolet Motor Company in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Gardner advises Mr. Kitchin that he is going to try to get Nelson Brooks up into Kansas, possibly through trickery of some kind, and file charges against him. The witness who was kidnaped and tied up by this gang during their escapades three years ago in Sedan, Kansas, has since died, but Gardner says he is pretty certain that through this situation information can be developed relative to the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell. In this connection, Gardner wants an Agent to go along with him, stating that it will require about four or five days' investigative work.

Mr. Brantley frankly said that he is opposed to this, to which I concurred. I pointed out that we won't send an Agent up into Kansas with this police officer on a wild goose chase; that if Gardner develops any information which would be of value to the Bureau, we will be glad to compensate him for it.

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Mr. Brantley said he would advise Mr. Kitchin of the Bureau's opinion in this matter.

Respectfully,

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Division of Investigation

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 4, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

In compliance with the request in Bureau letter under date of August 28, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576, I am forwarding herewith, by registered mail, \$5.00 note which was received in exchange for a ransom bill obtained from a Postmaster in Northern Minnesota by Special Agent J. H. Rice, for which he was reimbursed by blue slip.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

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There are transmitted herewith a number of bills in various denominations that have been acquired by this Bureau during the investigation of kidnaping cases. The bills and their amounts are listed below:

L12129816A	\$20	L18268725A	\$10
L06999256A	10	L19180472A	10
L09564318A	10	L19233948A	10
L08779901A	10	L15332181A	10
L34963242A	5	L18952205A	10
L32231371A	5	L05225269A	10
L18344233A	10	D06033832A	5
L19225793A	10	L18267691A	10
L33004581A	5		

Inasmuch as banks and commercial institutions throughout the country are supplied with lists of the numbers of the bills used in the various kidnaping cases, including the attached bills, it is desired that these be turned over to the Treasury Department to be impounded and taken out of circulation permanently.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #596061.

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218-FUGITIVE et al. Edward George Bremer-Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Information furnished this office relative to the whereabouts of Karpis proved negative. Inspector Graham furnished additional personal history relative to William E. Meade. Edward O'Dell, brother of Thomas J. O'Dell, friend of Meade, residing at Lowell, Mass.

**REFERENCE:** Reports of Special Agents F. E. Wright, New York City, 7/5/35; A. B. Leckie, Charlotte, N.C., 7/11/35; P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., 8/15/35; J. H. Hanson, New York City, 8/26/35; G. J. Starr, New York City, 9/5/35; Gene H. Henry, New York City, 9/23/35; Bureau letters dated August 31, 1935 and 9/7/35.

**DETAILS**

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B. E. Bracher, rental agent, 131 W. 70th Street, this City, on being further interviewed in this matter, advised that the fourth floor apartment was still unoccupied and that Gene Bowers and Dorothy Kaye were still maintaining an apartment at the instant premises. The cover which was placed on the mail of Bowers and Kaye failed to reflect that they had been in receipt of any mail from Chicago, Ill. The carrier delivering mail at 131 W. 70th Street does not recall handling any mail from Chicago for any of the other tenants at that address.

At 1120 Fifth Avenue, New York City, a fashionable apartment house, it was learned through discreet interviews with the doorman and the servants in the employ of Mrs. Graham Youngs, who resides at that address, that the latter's son by a former marriage, Theodore Peck, had taken up permanent residence at Aiken, S.C., in the early part of this year. In view of the foregoing and the further fact that the description of Peck as obtained from those interviewed closely corresponds with the description of Theodore Peck as set out in the reference report of Special Agent M. E. Leckie, it is believed that the party now residing at Aiken, S.C., is the son of Mrs. Graham Youngs of this City.

During the evening of August 6, 1935, a party who identified himself as George Riley, telephone Newtown 9-1543, advised Special Agent in Charge Whitley, of this office, that during the latter part of July he was at Lake Mahopac, New York, and while there he met an individual who was known to him as Jack Dalton; that this party informed him that he was at one time connected with the Department of Commerce; that he is a golf player and presently selling golf sticks. Riley advised he thought nothing more about the individual until August 5th when he was reading the September issue of the Startling Detective magazine; that in this magazine he saw a picture of Willie Harrison, wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, and that he believes the party with whom he had a talk at Lake Mahopac was Willie Harrison. Riley promised to call at the New York office the following day, August 7th, for the purpose of furnishing fuller details concerning the matter. It might be stated that Riley's conversation over the telephone was very incoherent and disconnected and it was extremely difficult to secure any definite information from him.

Riley again contacted the New York Bureau office by phone on August 10th and stated he would visit Mr. Whitley in the course of the next few days. Mr. Riley having failed to make his appearance at this office as promised, the writer, after learning that the subscriber to telephone Newtown 9-1543 was William F. Mackin, 40-54 East 84th, Elmhurst, Long Island, discreetly interviewed Mrs. Mackin, in the presence of Walter Lee, owner of the premises at 40-54 East 84th. Mrs. Mackin advised that George Riley and his mother, now deceased, resided at her

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house for a period of about eight months, Riley having moved about three weeks previously for parts unknown, leaving no forwarding address. Mrs. Mackin stated that Riley was a heavy drinker, never worked, was unreliable and of the braggadocia type, constantly imagining things. She advised further that she would put no faith in anything Riley might state or claim. Mrs. Mackin and Mr. Lee seemed to be acquainted with the fact that Mr. Riley had been in touch with the New York Bureau office and they both seemed to be of the opinion that he was just "kidding the office along". In view of the foregoing no further investigation will be conducted by this office with a view to locating George Riley for interview.

In an attempt to locate Andrew Gurante, who, when interviewed by Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, as referred to in the report of the latter dated at New York City August 26, 1935, gave his address as 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, the writer proceeded to the aforesaid address and interviewed Albert Gurante, PWA worker who resides with his wife in apartment #1. Mr. Albert Gurante stated his brother Andrew had departed for Florida on the evening of August 30, 1935; that he was at the time holding mail for him, believing it would be only a matter of a short time before he would be advised as to his brother's address at Florida. Albert Gurante stated that it might be possible that his brother might be reached in care of General Delivery, Miami, Florida, as it was at the latter address he corresponded with him during the winter season of 1934-35.

In compliance with the request set out in Bureau letter of September 7, 1935, Agent contacted Bernard Levy at his residence 35-11 Leavitt Street, Flushing, New York. Mr. Levy stated that he has been a private detective all his life and at the present time is operating under the name "National Detective Agency", having a New York State license, the office for such agency being at his residence in Flushing. Mr. Levy stated that on August 30, 1935 he proceeded alone from New York via train to Saratoga Springs, New York, arriving there at about 3:30 P.M. that day, for the purpose of attending the Jewish War Veterans convention which had its headquarters at the Grand Union Hotel; that on leaving the railroad station at Saratoga Springs, he met a young lady by the name of Mrs. Rae Levin, whom he had not seen in over twenty five years and on the recommendation of Mrs. Levin, he registered at the Greenland House, 60 Franklin St., Saratoga, being introduced to the proprietress, Mrs. Wolf, by Mrs. Levin, who was also a guest at the Greenland House but who departed that same evening for Troy, New York, after which he saw no more of Mrs. Levin.

Levy stated further that on Mrs. Wolf's learning that his business was that of a private detective, she introduced him to one of the guests whose name he recalls as "Bray", a Greek or Jew, who was then recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Bray during the conversation stated he formerly had a concession at Riley's gambling house in Saratoga and that on a day or two prior thereto an employe of Riley's gambling house had advised him, Bray, that Karpis was at Riley's about eight hours prior to the local police officers having visited Riley's on information they had that Karpis was there.

Levy stated he checked out of the Greenland House on Labor Day morning, went to the railroad station about 9 A.M., checked his grip and then attended the Jewish War Veterans convention at the Grand Union Hotel; that about 3:15 P.M. he returned to the railroad station to get a train to New York and while in the railroad station he saw an individual who looked exactly like Karpis and who entered a Pullman car marked #30, the train being headed in a Northerly direction. Levy could furnish no description of the individual who he claims resembled Karpis and stated that his attention was directed to this individual by his clothes which were very "snappy". Levy could furnish neither the height, weight nor any distinguishing marks of the person who was alleged to resemble Karpis, except the suit he wore, which was a gray sway-back model.

In connection with the interview with Levy, reference should be made to the letter from Special Agent in Charge Whitley to the Bureau under date of September 9, 1935, which reflects a call at the New York office by Mr. Levy, at which time he requested a photograph of Karpis as he was going to Saratoga Springs, a copy of the Identification Order for Karpis being furnished him; also a call by Mr. Levy at the New York office on September 6th, at which time he inquired whether this Bureau was interested in Communistic activities. At this meeting he was accompanied by his son for whom Levy hoped to be able to obtain a position as a Special Agent in this Bureau. It will be noted that when Levy called at the office on September 6th, he made no reference to the fact that he had heard Karpis was at Saratoga Springs nor as to his having seen an individual who resembled Karpis. Levy when questioned as to same stated that he made no reference to it when interviewed by Mr. Hanson at the New York office on September 6, 1935, due to the fact that it was his opinion that if the Bureau was not interested in Communistic matters, they would not be interested in the locating of Karpis.

In connection with the interviews with Levy, see the report of Special Agent Joseph G. Tucker, dated at New York City, July 7, 1926, in the case entitled Bernard or Benjamin Levy, Confidential Investigation, New York File 62-604, which reflects that Levy had been arrested in 1922 charged with burglary and felonious assault

and was acquitted; that he was then out on bail in Kings County in connection with the shooting of one Harry Marks; that he was implicated in the presentation of false claims to his superiors in the firm of Jones & Whitlock, by whom he was employed from 1921 to 1924 and that his general reputation in the police department was not so good. The file also reflects that Levy had prior thereto made numerous applications for a position with this Bureau. The New York office miscellaneous file reflects that on August 3, 1933 and April 16, 1935, Bernard Levy endeavored to interest the New York Bureau office in violations which did not come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

A communication dated September 13, 1935 was received by the New York Bureau office from United States Attorney F. W. H. Adams, Southern District of New York, advising that Mrs. Charles Gould residing at the Tudor Hotel, Room 431, 304 E. 42nd Street, New York City, had telephoned him that one of the three librarians employed at the Womrath's library at 8th and McDougall Streets, this city, had informed her of knowing the whereabouts of Karpis; that the librarian to whom she referred is married to an Italian. Mrs. Gould further stated that she was leaving for Europe on the S/S Conte Grande on Saturday, September 14, 1935.

In accordance with the foregoing information, investigation at Womrath's library, 32 W. 8th Street, New York City, reflected that Mrs. M. Potenza, residence 18 W. 16th Street, whose husband is a jewelry manufacturer at 65 Nassau Street, was the individual who had informed Mrs. Gould that she had information pertaining to Karpis. Mrs. Potenza, who has been in the employ of Womrath's for the past two years, stated that a Miss M. Rose, employed by H. Stanley Hillyer, Inc., real estate, 21 University Place, New York City, and a subscriber to the Womrath's library, had informed her in the course of a general conversation during that week that the local police had visited the offices of her employer, Hillyer, Inc., relative to Karpis and that the only person to whom she mentioned the aforesaid information was her husband and Mrs. Charles Gould, who she stated was abroad.

At the offices of H. Stanley Hillyer, Inc., real estate, which is a reputable concern and handles properties mostly in the Greenwich Village section of New York City, the writer interviewed Mrs. Frances Sterns, who stated that about September 1st two New York City detectives, the names of whom she does not recall, advised her they had information to the effect that Karpis was residing at 21 University Place, New York City; that they displayed to her a photograph of Karpis (Identification Order) and from her examination of same she stated she had never seen a person resembling the photograph thereon; that the officers also displayed this photograph to the superintendent of the premises at 21 University Place, Pat Finnegan, and he also failed to recognize the photograph.



At this time it should be noted that the premises at 21 University Place are situated at the Northeast corner of 8th Street and University Place, New York, the ground floor being stores, the second floor occupied by the real estate office of H. Stanley Hillyer, and the third and fourth floors containing fourteen apartments, of one, two, three and four rooms, unfurnished. Mrs. Sterns stated the occupants of these apartments have resided thereat for over a year, are mostly business people and when renting same all furnished references which upon being checked by Hillyer, Inc., were satisfactory.

Superintendent Pat Finnegan, who has acted in this capacity at 21 University Place for the past five years, confirmed the statements of Mrs. Sterns and could give no additional information of value.

Further investigation pertaining to this angle of the case reflected that Detectives John O'Neill and H. Roge of the 8th Squad, New York City Police Department, Mercer Street Station, had received an anonymous telephone call on September 3, 1935, to the effect that Karpis had been residing at 21 University Place, New York City and that the said detectives had visited the premises at that address and made appropriate investigation, interviewing Mrs. Sterns and Pat Finnegan.

On September 11, 1935, Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean, Boston, Mass., communicated with the New York office by telephone and advised that the police at Bath, Maine were holding in custody an individual who gave his name as Edward L. Kennedy, 6551 77th Street, Middle Village, Long Island, New York; that Kennedy was at the time driving a 1934 Plymouth automobile bearing New York 1935 license plates N 4884; that police authorities of Bath were of the opinion that Kennedy was Karpis. Mr. McKean requested that the identity of Kennedy be established.

Motor Vehicle records for the State of New York reflect that 1934 Plymouth coupe motor PE 133033, serial number 230613, was registered in the name of Edward L. Kennedy, 6551 77th Street, Middle Village, Long Island, and bore 1935 license plates number N 4884, which were issued to Kennedy for the instant car on December 28, 1934.

At the time of Agent's visit to the residence of Edward L. Kennedy, Middle Village, Long Island, a one family house in a strictly residential section, no one was home and inquiries in the immediate vicinity developed the fact that Kennedy was at the time vacationing at Bath, Maine and had been employed in the City of New York Tenement House Bureau for a number of years. The foregoing information relative to Kennedy was teletyped to the Boston office on September 11, 1935 and on the same date teletype was received from the Boston Bureau office to the effect that investigation by that office reflected that Kennedy was not Karpis.



Agent interviewed Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham at New York City, pertaining to persons mentioned in an anonymous communication received at the Bureau on July 20, 1935. He advised that the Fred Gondorf mentioned therein is an international confidence man known to the police of practically every large city here and abroad, and the information he gathers from his informants is to the effect that Gondorf is now at Boston or in that vicinity. It is the personal opinion of Inspector Graham that Gondorf as well as Meade and O'Dell, mentioned in the anonymous communication, are known to Herbie Callahan, lawyer of Boston, previously referred to in the reference report of Special Agent P.M. Plunkett dated August 15, 1935. Further, that Gondorf is known to spend his winters at Florida and is known to the local police detectives who handle the confidence violations. He stated that Gondorf as well as Meade, O'Dell and Upshaw, also mentioned in the anonymous letter, were known to him to be known to Frankie Duris, a bootlegger of Boston, Mass., and who resides with his wife at the Westminster Hotel, that city, where Duris is very favorably regarded by the management.

With reference to William E. Meade, whom the Bureau is desirous of locating in order to question him in connection with this case and in connection with the confidence game that he practiced on a contractor in St. Paul, Minn., namely one Wunderlich, who had been swindled out of \$100,000, which money Wunderlich had borrowed from Bremer, Mr. Graham stated that his department had issued a fugitive bulletin as of July 7, 1934, bearing case #34837-E, seeking the apprehension of Meade, which is more particularly referred to in Agent Plunkett's report of August 15, 1935; that Meade, as far as he knows, was born at Cedar Falls, Iowa; that he is not known to have any living relatives other than his wife and that he is said to have been friendly with Louis Nathan, who resided and ran a handbook on the 600 block on South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; that Meade when visiting Chicago was known to have contacted Nathan; that during the years 1928-1934, Meade was known to have resided at 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago; that Meade was also known to be friendly with a family by the name of Wheeler at Glendale, California, operators of a hotel in that city, the reputation of which is questionable; that Meade's wife's maiden name was Kate Schmitt; that she corresponds with her sister, Mrs. C. A. (Mary) Baxter, 1437 Polk St., San Francisco, Calif.; also her brother - John A. Schmitt, 369 N. 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon.

Inspector Graham further stated that to his knowledge, Meade is very friendly with Thomas J. O'Dell, whose parents originally came from New Britain, Conn.; that O'Dell is also known to him, Graham, as a confidence man; that O'Dell married a girl by the name of Madeline Cuvotas or Calcutta.

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whose mother, Mrs. Leo F. Smith, resides at Hot Springs, New Mexico. Inspector Graham stated that Mrs. O'Dell was a former burlesque actress, and is alleged to be singing over the radio at the present time and to be a friend of Molly Weingarten, whose husband Max is a dealer in narcotics, residing at the Whitehall Hotel, 250 W. 100th Street, this city; that she is also friendly with "Frankie", manager of Minsky's Burlesque House, who resides at the Hotel Whitby, 325 W. 45th Street; that O'Dell had issued to him a passport on July 19, 1935 and gave as reference Julian Kaufman, 25 E. 86th Street, Kaufman claiming to know O'Dell for twenty years; that Kaufman originally came from Chicago; that he is a gambler known as "Potatoes", a former member of the Capone gang and is known to have been questioned in connection with the murder of Arthur Langdon; that Kaufman makes his headquarters at the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 W. 45th Street; that he is a member of the Marie Greenberg crowd.

With reference to Bruce Upshaw, Fred Flowers alias Farrell and Charlie Mitchell alias Fatty, also mentioned in the anonymous letter, Inspector Graham could give no additional information than that already contained in the New York file.

As to Eddie Hayes, George W. Ferry alias Nite a Minute, George Kennedy and Fify, Inspector Graham stated that these individuals were known as confidence men although he was not in a position to give any definite information as to their whereabouts.

Relative to Tom Coffey and Pretty Sid, he recalls he has heard these names in an offhand way but can furnish no information relative thereto.

With further reference to Thomas J. O'Dell, investigation at the office of R. W. Rosebury Publishing Company, 469 Fifth Avenue, New York City, developed the fact that an Edward O'Dell, married, who resided in Lowell, Mass., post office address - Route 1, Box 189, had formerly resided at New Britain, Conn., and investigation at the latter city, through interview with the police authorities thereat, revealed that Edward O'Dell was a brother of Thomas J. O'Dell.

Based on information received from Lt. McCue, Police Department, New Britain, Conn., that O'Dell had communicated with his family at New Britain on the stationery of William Wallach, 30 W. 57th Street, New York City, investigation was made at the latter address where it was established that Wallach was a very fashionable men's tailor and had been located at 30 W. 57th Street for the past twenty years. The postal carrier for this address stated that Wallach was an individual who could be approached and trusted.

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Mr. Wallach on being interviewed stated that the prices of his clothes ranged from \$150 to \$200 per suit and that his customers consisted of Supreme Court Judges and other prominent persons of New York, including Al Smith, former Governor of the State; Jimmy Hinds, Democratic leader of the upper West Side; also Nicky Arnstein, former husband of Fanny Brice, and known as a confidence man and gambler; numerous other gamblers of the City, and he also mentioned the name of Johnny Factor of Chicago. When Mr. Wallach was questioned as to whether he was acquainted with O'Dell he stated he was and that in the past ten days O'Dell had received a letter at his office, which was called for by O'Dell's wife; that he formerly made clothes for O'Dell; that he had met him about the City of New York at numerous times and also met him at Florida last year; that he did not know anything about O'Dell's personal life, his occupation, and so forth, and stated that it was over two years since he had made a suit of clothes for O'Dell, the records in connection with same having been destroyed; that he has no idea at this time as to where O'Dell could be reached. From the interview with Wallach it was quite evident that he would not cooperate with the Bureau fully, having advised that from now on he will return to the sender all mail which may come addressed to him for O'Dell.

The description of Thomas O'Dell as obtained from the New York City Police Department is as follows:

Name:	THOMAS O'DELL aliases: Harold Lee Brad William Greenhouse, James Shaw.
Age:	33 (born at New York City)
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Color:	White
Complexion:	Medium
Residence:	18 E. 53rd St., New York City
Occupation:	Tailor
Criminal record:	N.Y.C. PD #108751 -

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There is a notation on the records of the New York City Police Department to the effect that O'Dell is wanted at Buffalo, New York for grand larceny.

The description of Fred Gondorf alias Fred. ~~X~~Graham alias Frederick ~~X~~Graham alias Fred ~~X~~Gondolf alias Fred ~~X~~Grant, is as follows:

Age: 60 in 1924 (born United States)  
Height: 5' 7 3/8"  
Weight: 171  
Build: Medium  
Hair: White  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Medium  
Fingerprint classification:  $\frac{1}{17}$  R  $\frac{10}{10}$  14  
Criminal record: N.Y.C. PD. #6760

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Photographs of O'Dell and Gondorf, together with the photograph of fingerprints and specimen of the handwriting of the former, are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: BUFFALO OFFICE

Make appropriate investigation at the Greenland House, 60 Franklin Street, Saratoga Springs, New York, interviewing Mrs. Wolf, the proprietress, and Mr. Bray, a guest, particularly the latter, as to the statement he made to Mr. Levy, private detective of Flushing, New York, pertaining to statements made by one of the employees at the Riley gambling house, relative to Karpis being at that place.

Check the records at the Police Department, Buffalo, pertaining to Thomas J. O'Dell being wanted by that department on a charge of grand larceny.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

Make appropriate investigation at the General Delivery window at Miami, Fla., as to whether Andrew Gurante is receiving mail there. In connection therewith the Bureau is desirous that Gurante's address be ascertained as he probably will be required as a witness in the trial of this case.

BOSTON OFFICE

Conduct discreet interview with Herbert Callahan, lawyer, and Frankie Duris at the Westminster Hotel, who it will be noted, Inspector Graham believes know Fred Condorf, notorious confidence man and his associates, namely, Meade, O'Dell, Upshaw, et al.

Make appropriate investigation at the residence of Edward O'Dell, route 1, box 189, Lowell, Mass., with a view to ascertaining the whereabouts of Thomas O'Dell, who is the brother of Edward O'Dell, employed as a salesman in the New England district for the R. W. Rosebury Publishing Company, 469 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

In connection with the investigation to be conducted by the Boston office, photographs of Condorf and O'Dell are being attached to copies of this report for that office.

EL PASO OFFICE

At Hot Springs, New Mexico, investigation will be conducted at the residence of Mrs. Leo F. Smith as to the present whereabouts of her daughter by a previous marriage, Madeline Cuvotas



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or Calcutta, the wife of Thomas O'Dell. In connection with this investigation, Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham at New York City, stated that the Smith family in previous interviews refused to reveal any information as to their daughter Madeline.

**SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE**

Discreetly interview Mrs. C. A. Baxter, 1437 Polk St., relative to the present whereabouts of her sister, Kate Meade, wife of William Meade, who is wanted by the Post Office authorities and also by this Bureau for questioning in connection with instant case.

**LOS ANGELES OFFICE**

At Glendale, California, conduct discreet interview with the family by the name of Wheeler who conduct a hotel of questionable reputation in the City of Glendale, for whatever information they may possess relative to William Meade or his whereabouts.

**PORTLAND, OREGON OFFICE**

Will discreetly interview John A. Schmitt, 369 N. 23rd Street, Portland, as to the whereabouts of his sister, Kate Meade, wife of William Meade, whom the Bureau is desirous of locating with a view to questioning him regarding the instant case, Meade at the present time being wanted by the Postal authorities.

**CHICAGO OFFICE**

Make appropriate investigation at 1533 Fargo Ave., Chicago, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Meade from 1928 to 1934, with a view to ascertaining the present whereabouts of Meade.

Discreetly contact Louis Nathan, who resides and operates a handbook on the 600 block of South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, as Meade is known to have contacted Nathan when visiting Chicago.

Obtain all information possible with reference to Julian Kaufman, former resident of Chicago, who is a gambler, known as "Potatoes" and a member of the Capone gang. Kaufman is also known to be closely associated with Meade.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

In order to attempt to establish further the reliability of the information furnished by the informant as set forth in Assistant Special Agent in Charge Hanson's report, an interview will be had with Oscar Loynaz-Paez to determine whether or not he was actually wearing a brown suit on the night in question and whether he sufficiently resembles Karpis to mislead anyone into believing that he might be Karpis.

Keep in touch with B. J. Chudack, clerk, Lenox House, 43 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, and L. F. DuBartell, Special Investigator, Emergency Relief Bureau, 290 Fulton Street, both of Brooklyn, New York, as to whether they have any further information pertaining to Karpis. (See the report of Special Agent W. J. McNulty, dated at New York City, 9/12/35).

Interview Louisa Koeberline, care of M. K. Cristensen, apartment 2D, 230 West 97th St., New York City, to secure, if possible, the present address of Edward Koeberline and will cause him to be interviewed regarding the letter which he forwarded to the Postmaster at Brooklyn, New York, as stated in reference report (W. J. McNulty, 9/12/35). In connection with this lead see the report of Special Agent M. H. Price, dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., 9/18/35.

Contact J. F. Stratton and his daughter, Grace, at the Breevoort Hotel, 8th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, as to subject Karpis having stopped at his home at Reno, Nevada and as to Karpis having stopped at a residence on South Virginia Street and the Parkway Hotel, Reno.

Discreetly interview Albert Gurante, apartment 1, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, with reference to the present whereabouts of his brother Andrew Gurante. Also report the outcome of the cover placed on the mail of Albert Gurante, looking towards the location of the present whereabouts of Andrew Gurante.

Keep in touch with Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham with a view to obtaining any information he may develop which would assist in the location of William Meade.

Discreetly interview Julian Kaufman, 25 E. 86th Street, reported to be a questionable character and a confidante of Thomas J. O'Dell and Meade, in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of either of the latter two. Kaufman is also known to make his headquarters at the Piccadilly Hotel, where he is known to associate with the Max Greenberg crowd.

Ascertain, if possible, the whereabouts of O'Dell's wife, from Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Weingarten (of questionable character) residing at the Whitehall Hotel, 250 W. 100th Street.

Establish the true name of "Frankie", manager of Minsky's Burlesque, who resides at the Hotel Whitby, 325 W. 45th Street, New York City. This individual is known to be friendly with Mrs. O'Dell.

AT HARTFORD, CONN., furnish Joe Harrison, Aetna Life Insurance Co., 151 Farmington Ave., with specimen of the handwriting of William Meade, and re-interview him with regard to any information developed by a more thorough search of the Aetna Life Insurance Co. files.

Interview Regional Director Hoffman, State Capitol Building, relative to whether a PWA auditor called upon the firm of Oneglia & Gervasini on or about July 31, 1935, and whether he fits the description of William Meade.

AT TORRINGTON, CONN., re-interview Hugh E. Meade, Chief of Police, relative to further information he may have concerning William Meade.

Contact Romeo Gervasini and exhibit photograph of William Meade for possible identification.

Make further investigation among building contractors in the vicinity as further developments may justify.

(In connection with the above Connecticut leads see the report of Special Agent Gene H. Hemry, dated at New York City, 9/23/35).

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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October 4, 1935

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases- I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE, et al. Edward George Bremer-Vict  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruc-  
tion of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints for-warded Division of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
(?) FRED GONDORF; aliases: (?) Fred. Graham, Frederick Graham, Fred Gondolf, Fred Grant.	N.Y.C. PD #6760		$\frac{1}{17}$ R $\frac{10}{10}$ 14
(?) THOMAS J. O'DELL, aliases: (?) Harold Lee Bradley, William Greenhouse, James Shaw.	N.Y.C. PD #108751	10.4.35	$\frac{9}{18}$ Rr $\frac{15}{16}$

There are forwarded herewith the photographs of Fred  
Gondorf and Thomas J. O'Dell.

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Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

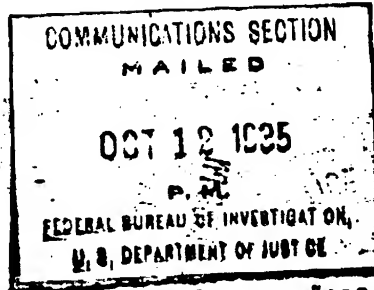
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
I. O. #1218, Fugitive, et al.;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated October 4, 1935, I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the identification files of this Bureau in the case of the following:

THOMAS J. O'DELL, Police Department, New York, New York, #108751.

I am also transmitting herewith the criminal record, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of one Frank Grant, alias Fred Gondorf, our file #FBI-62849, whose fingerprint classification is 4 1 R IOI 13  
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #298964.

CC-Bureau Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
cc-Mr. Connelley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 2, 1935.

Time - 10:47 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis and Campbell.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Connelley in Chicago, he mentioned the setup at Toledo on the above named persons, and said that the situation is just about status quo; that the matter still has very definite possibilities. Mr. Connelley said he believed the trouble is the fact that there is an intermediary somewhere through which all of this has to go. He said that the woman informant in this matter has not [redacted] and he believes she is waiting until she gets something definite before she answers his letter. Mr. Connelley said that this woman is more or less of a vain individual, and does not like to admit [redacted] that she does not have the first-hand contact.

Mr. Connelley said he did not believe we should push this matter too far at the present time, and if we do not get anything eventually, however, we should go over at Toledo and pick the whole gang up. I told him that I believed this is what we will have to do ultimately. In the meantime, however, Mr. Connelley said he believed the least possible effort would serve the best purpose at this time.

He said that he has some Agents planted over there on a telephone tap, and they have secured the location in the Negro district where they can watch the place in question at night.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Keith	✓
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schell	
Mr. Smith	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

September 21, 1935.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Certain interesting episodes have developed in connection  
with recent investigations in the above entitled case which are out-  
lined below and may be of special interest to the Bureau in the future.

During the trial of subjects Arthur R. Barker, Elmer Farmer,  
Harold Allderton, Oliver A. Berg, et al, at St. Paul, Minnesota, dur-  
ing April and May of this year, Oliver Berg took the witness stand in  
an attempt to explain his activities in connection with the exchanging  
of the ransom money at Chicago, Illinois. Berg informed the Court that  
after a considerable amount of the money had been exchanged at Chicago  
Illinois, he was approached by other members of the gang with a pro-  
position whereby he, Berg, was to take a portion of the money to Louis-  
ville, Kentucky, for changing. Berg informed the Court that he stoutly  
refused to take this money to Louisville, giving as his reason for  
refusing that the movement of this money across a State line consti-  
tuted a Federal offense, and that he did not want, under any circum-  
stances to become involved with the Federal Government. This episode  
is thought to be rather interesting, as it shows the criminal's fear  
of the Bureau and also their ignorance of the substance of the kid-  
naping statute.

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As a result of the investigation surrounding the apprehension of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at Fort Allendale, Florida,  
it developed that a certain citizen of Daytona Beach, Florida, advised

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the Identification Order on William Weaver posted on the bulletin board in the Daytona Beach Post Office. This citizen noted the apparent likeness of this photograph to William Weaver, whom he knew as J. W. Osborne. He called this to the attention of a friend, also a resident of Daytona Beach, who is a local merchant and who had had considerable dealing with Weaver, but the merchant, upon viewing the photograph, exclaimed "Aw no, this picture doesn't resemble Osborne in any way", whereupon the matter was dropped.

William Weaver, upon being questioned, informed Agent that he had seen his photograph appearing on the Bureau's Identification Order in the Post Office at Daytona Beach and had noted that same, with many other Identification Orders, was posted inside a glass bulletin container. He informed he often called at the Post Office to view his photograph and had wondered how he could remove the Identification Order without breaking the glass, and had finally come to the decision, just previous to his apprehension, that he would break the glass when the occasion presented itself and remove all the Identification Orders, in order that he would not be suspicioned should he remove only his own. He remarked also that wherever he traveled he nearly always called at the local Post Office to determine whether or not his Identification Order was posted.

This episode is being reported because it shows the concern on the part of badly wanted criminals over the posting of wanted notices on them.

During the recent investigation at Toledo, Ohio, [REDACTED] b7c b7d and an informant of the Chicago Bureau office who has been approached by one Edith Barry, a notorious politician and prostitute at Toledo, called at the house of Edith Barry in Toledo for the purpose of making contact with the remaining fugitives in this case, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, [REDACTED] stated that Edith Barry, [REDACTED] produced a copy of the book entitled "Ten Thousand Public Enemies" by Courtney Riley Cooper, and turned to page 241, where [REDACTED] was permitted to glance at a photograph of Alvin Karpis. [REDACTED] informed he was only permitted to glance at this photograph, but saw numerous notations made in pencil [REDACTED] evidently in Karpis' own handwriting. He also stated [REDACTED]

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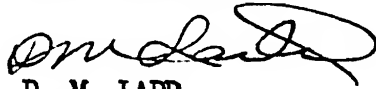
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that Edith Barry showed him a typewritten article by a famous author, whose name [REDACTED] is unable to recall, dealing with the criminal life of Alvin Karpis, his many successful evasions of capture by Government Agents, especially his escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey and from Miami, Florida. He stated the article criticised the Federal Bureau of Investigation not only for its failure to apprehend Karpis, but also because of the unfair methods used in attempting to capture him. These articles and the book entitled "Ten Thousand Public Enemies" will undoubtedly be located in Edith Barry's home when Special Agents take her into custody in the near future.

This instance is believed to be of interest to the Bureau, as it shows that important fugitives are ever anxious to obtain newspaper articles, magazine articles and books dealing with their lives and criminal careers.

This information is being submitted to the Bureau under personal and confidential cover as a precautionary measure for the protection of [REDACTED] and these articles will undoubtedly be found in the home of Edith Barry when she is apprehended and it will then be unnecessary to withhold this interesting data.

Special Agents of the Chicago Bureau office and Agents from other offices who have worked and who are now working on this case, will be asked to attempt to recall additional instances of interesting episodes in connection with this investigation, many of which are probably not reported in the investigative file, due to the fact that they may have had no direct bearing upon the investigation.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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To: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☒ Mr. Tamm  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
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☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Glavin  
☐ Mr. Douglas  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Mr. Tracy  
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*my* ☒ Mr. Joseph  
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Clyde Tolson

RECORDED 7-576-7581 October 3, 1935.

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Mr. D. M. Ladd,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ladd:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239; et  
al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter of September 21, 1935, in  
connection with the above entitled case and more particularly to page 3  
on which you advised that [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] b7d  
advised that Edith Barry showed him a typewritten article  
by a famous author, whose name [redacted] is unable to recall, dealing  
with the criminal life of Alvin Karpis and his many successful evasions of  
capture by Government Agents, especially his escape from Atlantic City, New  
Jersey, and Miami, Florida. [redacted] further reported as having  
stated that the above article criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
not only for its failure to apprehend Karpis but because of the unfair  
methods used in attempting to capture him.

The Bureau desires that an effort be made to trace this article  
for the purpose of ascertaining the author, and if possible, desires that  
a copy of the article be forwarded to the Bureau.

Please give this matter your expeditious attention.

<p>COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED OCT - 3 1935 John Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. Director. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p>	<p>Sincerely yours, John Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. Director.</p>
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October 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 26, 1935, in which reference is made to the information furnished by informants [redacted] and Gus Hart to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell have not split-up and that both of said parties have been in Joplin, Missouri within recent months.

The Kansas City Office is requested to make every effort to secure further information as to the possible location of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri. It will be recalled that the information furnished by [redacted] and Hart to the effect that Karpis and Campbell have split-up is in keeping with information which was obtained by the Oklahoma City Office through a confidential informant in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The above referred to report indicates that Hart is considered a "windy" individual and there is some tendency to place little credence in his statements.

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Reference is made to page eight of the above mentioned report. It is noted that Hart stated he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma in 1913 and that he is well acquainted with the Barkers, Karpis, Davis, Campbell and others. In order to determine the truthfulness of the statements of Hart, the Oklahoma City Office is requested to conduct proper investigation at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to determine the period in which Hart was incarcerated therein and to obtain several copies of his photograph.

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If Hart is, in fact, well acquainted with those persons listed on page eight of the reference report, it is believed that he will prove a valuable informant, but before extensive leads are set out on the basis of information furnished by him, it is believed that his photograph should be obtained and presented to Jess Doyle, Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska and to Volney Davis, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to determine whether, in fact, Hart is known to members of the Barker-Karpis gang. If it is determined that Hart is, in fact, known to this gang,



every effort should be made by the Kansas City Office to enlist his cooperation to the end of locating Karpis and Campbell.

Reference is now made to page nine of the report of Special Agent Norstrom, on which it is stated that Hart informed Karpis has a sister named Opal living with one "Charlie" near Gunnison, Colorado. An extensive investigation by the Bureau has failed to disclose that Karpis has a sister by the name of Opal and this is believed to be misinformation; however, it is significant to note that the person mentioned as "Charlie" may possibly be identical with Charles Fitzgerald. Hart has also informed that one Bill Rich, residing in the vicinity of Gunnison, Colorado, is known to be a post office for "hoodlums" all over the country. In view of the fact that Hart has stated Alvin Karpis is personally known to him, it is believed that a copy of the report of Special Agent Norstrom should be immediately forwarded to the Denver Office, with the request that a very discreet investigation be undertaken in the vicinity of Gunnison, Colorado to determine the identity of the parties known as Opal, "Charlie" and Bill Rich. The Bureau has come into possession of information from time to time to the effect that Alvin Karpis has contacts from coast to coast and it is believed possible that he may have contacts in the vicinity of Gunnison, Colorado. b7c b7d

Reference is made to page ten of the report of Special Agent Norstrom, reflecting the information obtained from [redacted]. This woman is apparently in a good position to furnish information of value to the Bureau. It is noted that [redacted] is well acquainted with members of the Karpis-Barker gang and their contacts in [redacted] that Earl Morris was friendly with Jimmy Murphy White; that during the Spring of 1935 White visited Al Sherwood in Coffeyville, Kansas and that when White departed therefrom, Earl Morris also left. It appears, however, that Earl Morris has now returned to Coffeyville, Kansas.

Copies of the report of Special Agent Norstrom dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 16, 1935, should have been designated for the Washington Field Office, so that James Murphy White could be interviewed for any information that he might obtain from Earl Morris. It is believed that this may develop into a good contact. You will recall that Jimmy Murphy White is identical with James White who furnished valuable information to the Bureau concerning the location of William Weaver in Florida. It is, therefore, requested that copies of the reference report be forwarded to the Washington Field Office, setting out proper leads, for the purpose of interviewing James White along the lines suggested.

The above mentioned report also discloses that Edna Murray, presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, has made a special request



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to be interviewed by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom. It is requested that this lead be expedited and that the Bureau be advised promptly as to the results of this interview. Specific attention should be given to the possibility of encouraging Edna Murray to now disclose all of the facts in her possession with regard to the abduction of Edward George Bremer and efforts should be made to induce her to testify in behalf of the Government in the trial of Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver which is expected to take place in St. Paul, Minnesota during the month of November, 1935. The Bureau wishes to be immediately advised as to the results of this interview.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City

Omaha

Cincinnati

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St. Paul

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 4, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to teletype of October 2, 1935,  
Special Agent D. P. Sullivan who is engaged at Toledo, Ohio on the  
Bremer case will arrange to leave Toledo at 1.15 P.M. Saturday  
October 5, 1935 in order to report at Orlando, Florida October 7,  
1935 to testify before the Grand Jury there in the Bremer case.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Jacksonville

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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October 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim;  
KIDNAPING, etc.

With further reference to your letter of the  
27th ultimo requesting certain evidence from the Jacksonville  
files to be used at St. Paul, Minnesota, in this case, I  
have been able to secure, and am forwarding via registered  
mail, the two zipper brief cases, together with complete  
contents, which were surrendered by subject Cassius McDonald  
upon the occasion of his arrest at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
E.J. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 4, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with authority contained in Bureau  
wire of October 3, 1935, Agent A. P. BARBER will continue his work  
in connection with the Bremer case at Toledo, Ohio and will not  
report to Washington October 7th for retraining.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHIC. GO., ILLINOIS

October 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.  
1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with  
aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI-  
TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter of October 1, 1935,  
addressed to the Director indicating that John Karpavicz had made  
inquiry as to whether or not he could visit Dolores Delaney and bring  
her baby with him, it is believed that if such an arrangement can be  
made this would be desirable, particularly if we can have a very  
definite arrangement for overhearing that conversation takes place  
between John Karpavicz and Dolores Delaney.

Recently John Karpavicz has purchased certain baby  
furniture to the amount of fifty three-dollars, same being of a very  
exclusive grade, the value being considerably more than would be ex-  
pected in the way of purchases by individuals such as John Karpavicz,  
who we understand receives sixty dollars per month as janitor of the  
building where he is living. At the time he paid for this furniture  
he paid for same with a one hundred dollar bill and indicated to the  
man that he had a number of other such one hundred dollar bills. We  
are endeavoring to check the activity of John Karpavicz here for the  
possibility that he is in contact with or receiving money from his son  
Alvin Karpis.

With the above situation in mind it is believed that  
this should be pursued further with the Warden of the penitentiary in  
order that an arrangement as above planned can be carried out.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau; CC Cincinnati; CC St. Paul

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U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 5, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated July 3, 1935, in which it is stated that arrangements have been made with the authorities of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to secure the originals of all communications received and sent by Arthur and Lloyd Barker, incarcerated in that institution.

It will be noted that numerous communications have been sent to the Bureau Laboratory for appropriate attention, and that to date no information of any value has been received therefrom.

It is respectfully that the Bureau advise whether or not it is desired that the Kansas City Office continue to procure these original communications for transmittal to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

*Ack. St. Paul  
cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Chicago  
10/11/35*

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati

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October 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

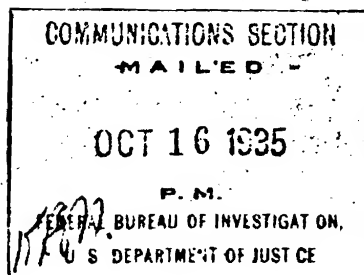
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 5,  
1935, the Bureau feels that you can discontinue the  
practice of securing the originals of all communi-  
cations received and sent by Arthur and Lloyd  
Barker, incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary  
at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago



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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo requesting data from the Jacksonville files to be used as evidence in St. Paul in this matter, please be advised that additional effort to comply therewith has been made at Miami, Florida, by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons. As a result thereof he advises me as follows:

"The original Western Union telegram dated at Miami, December 29, 1934, addressed to T. C. Blackburn, care Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, and signed "Cash" is in possession of the Clerk, United States District Court, Miami, and will be produced, upon issuance of subpoena duces tecum served on Palmer Rosemond, Chief Deputy Clerk in Charge, United States District Court, Miami, Florida, who has custody of it under order impounding it issued by United States District Judge Halsted L. Ritter. Joseph E. Johnson, Office Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, is competent to testify concerning the receipt and authenticity of the telegram.

Through inquiry of officials of the Pan American Airways, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida, it was ascertained that F. L. Culhan, Ticket Auditor, Pan American Airways, Aviation Building, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida, is competent to produce, upon issuance of subpoena duces tecum, the original "going portions" of tickets issued to Cassius McDonald, William J. Harris and E. N. Wagner (Alvin Karpis). Since the return portions of said tickets are retained in Havana, it will be necessary for Pan American officials to request authority of the Cuban Government to obtain them and they will do so on request. Mr. Culhan, above mentioned, is competent to produce and to testify concerning the authenticity of these tickets. However, in the event the United States Attorney at St. Paul may desire the testimony of other officials mentioned in the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935, particularly on pages 114, 115 and 116, there is set forth the correct names of those individuals as follows:

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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J. F. Aguirre (not Aquine), Pan American Airways,  
Aviation Building, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

Porter Morris, Pan American Airways, Aviation  
Building, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

M. A. Rodriguez, Jr., Pan American Airways,  
Havana, Cuba.

G. D. Grossman (not Grossmar), Pan American Airways,  
Aviation Building, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

Antonio Montero (not Montens), Pan American Airways,  
Havana, Cuba. This individual may be reached through  
Pan American Airways, Miami, Florida, during the month  
of October since he is on vacation in Miami and will  
return to Havana on November 1, 1935.

The original passenger records, Form PAA T. M., as men-  
tioned on page 116 of Agent Hanson's report above referred to,  
have been destroyed according to officials of the Pan American  
Airways. However, duplicate copies of same, submitted to the  
Immigration Service, Miami, Florida, at the time passage was tak-  
en by the individuals herein involved, are in possession of the  
District Director of Immigration, Jacksonville, Florida, who is  
competent to produce same if desired.

The Combined Manifest and Passenger List, Outward and  
Inward Foreign Manifest, prepared by the Customs Agency, are in  
possession of John Klein, Deputy Collector of Customs in Charge,  
Miami, Florida, who is competent to produce the originals and  
testify as to their authenticity, if desired.

The original Bell Boy Records and Arrival and Departure  
Book of the El Comodoro Hotel, which the St. Paul Office desired,  
cannot be located. Joe Adams, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel,  
claims that Special Agent Hanson obtained those original records,  
and he further claims that he was not given a receipt when he re-  
linquished their possession. The United States Attorney, the United  
States Marshal and the Clerk of the District Court, Miami, deny the  
receipt of those particular records. I personally examined every  
thing in possession of the United States Marshal; made a search of  
the United States Attorney's office, and inquired of the Clerk of

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

10/5/35.

the United States District Court, but the records mentioned are not located in these offices."

With regard to the Bell Boy records and Arrival and Departure Book of the El Comodoro Hotel, I have again caused a search to be made of all enclosures, exhibits, et cetera, in the Jacksonville files, but cannot locate these documents. It appears, however, from the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, on page 6 thereof, that these records were left with the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida.

If, after reading this letter, Special Agent Hanson has any further suggestions as to where these documents may be located in this district we should be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
New York (Attention Mr. Hanson).

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**To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.**

BRKID AUTHORITY GRANTED EXPEND \$32 FOR RENTAL OF APARTMENT FOR USE

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE PENN AVE AT 9 NW WASHN DC

RE BREKID AND WEYNAP CASES AGENTS STILL CHECKING ON MEXICAN

PORTS THIS DISTRICT NO RESULTS OBTAINED AS YET SEE MY  
LETTER SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH AND AIR MAIL LETTER MAILED TODAY  
JONES

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted in a full-rate communication

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907 FEDERAL BUILDING  
DETROIT MICHIGAN

Official Business: Government Rate;  
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New York City.

BREKID ASSISTANT SAC HANSON WILL BE PRESENT DETROIT OCTOBER EIGHTH

cc-Bureau ✓

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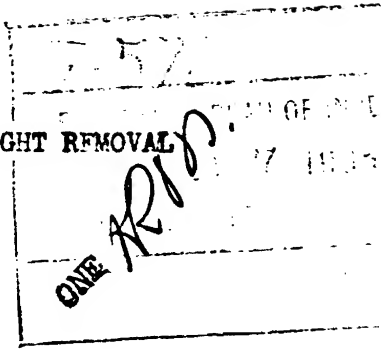
Mr. R. Whitley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403  
New York City, New York

BREKID ASAC HANSON NECESSARY WITNESS DETROIT OCTOBER EIGHT REMOVAL  
CASSIUS McDONALD ADVISE IF HE CAN BE PRESENT

NICHOLSON

DLN:RES  
cc-Bureau

10:55 a.m.



# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 5, 1935

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Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of a letter written to Dolores DeLaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, the letter being from Mr. John Karpavicz.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc. *(initials)*  
cc-St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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2842 N. Francisco  
Chicago, Ill.  
Oct. 2, 1935

Dear Dolores:-

We received your letter regarding that car. We can't do anything about it. I have no lawyer and haven't the money to hire one. When you were in Philadelphia I was trying to get in touch with you through a lawyer, he charged me \$25 for writing two letters. You can imagine what it would cost to have him deal with another country. I also asked this same lawyer what it would be if he went to Philadelphia with me and it would have been a mere \$50 a day for his time and also all of his expenses. So as you can see, we really can't do anything for you about it and if you can have anyone else handle it for you, the best thing would be to write to them.

When I got to Philadelphia and reached government men, I did more with 5¢ than I would have if I'd paid \$500 to a lawyer. In this case it is the same. I am going to see the federal men and see what they can do for you. They will probably charge storage down there for the car for a year and we can't tell how much that will be. Another thing to ship it here would probably cost more than it is worth. The car probably isn't worth more than \$500 after standing all that time. It is up to you to do what you think best.

Raymond has suffered quite a bit cutting his teeth. His first teeth came through with no trouble but the last few caused him a lot of trouble. He hasn't been gaining but he is alright now. He weighs 20½ lbs. He got all his winter clothes already including an big overcoat. He says he's going to stay out all winter like he did all summer. He has everything he needs now. He outgrew all his other things. He has a bed and a high chair and lots of toys. And he is enclosing a \$5.00 money order.

Yours truly

John Karpavicz

The things you were expecting to have sent here have not arrived and we don't know anything about them.

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 5, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the long distance telephone call from Special Agent K. R. McIntire at the Bureau yesterday afternoon inquiring whether or not his presence would be necessary before the grand jury at Orlando, Florida, in connection with presenting the case against Myrtle Eaton for harboring William Weaver.

All aspects of this case were discussed several days ago with Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley at Jacksonville, Florida, at the time arrangements were being made to secure proper witnesses. It was the opinion of Mr. Paisley at that time that the mere presentation of the case before the grand jury at Orlando would not necessitate the presence of a witness who had testified before the grand jury upon the occasion of the returning of the indictment against Weaver. He felt that the introduction of a certified copy of the indictment from St. Paul by the proper Assistant United States Attorney to the grand jury, together with witnesses who could testify as to locating Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver as living together at Port Orange, Florida, and also testimony of an Agent who had interviewed Myrtle Eaton and had obtained oral admission from her that she knew of the exact status of Weaver with regard to his being indicted at St. Paul, being a fugitive, et cetera, would be sufficient evidence upon which to obtain the desired indictment.

The matter was again taken up with Mr. Paisley, who stated that he was of the opinion that Agent McIntire would not be a necessary witness before the grand jury. When the case comes to trial he will desire the presence of this Agent. The Bureau was accordingly wired as to this conclusion this morning.

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Very truly yours,

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